

Bristol Bay to expand Westward Hilton

A \$28.5 million expansion and renovation of the Anchorage Westward Hilton Hotel will begin April 1, according to the hotel's owner, Bristol Corp. and its managing agent, Hilton Hotels.

Bristol Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bristol Bay Native Corp.

Hotel manager Jay Oxford said the expansion will "tie all the buildings of the Westward Hilton together and elevate the hotel into luxury-class status."

The project begins with the demolition of the Old Sour-

dough Hotel, built in 1940 at the corner of Third Avenue and F Street, and the "Middle Six" portion of the complex, built in 1948.

Remaining are the 22-story Anchorage Tower on the corner of Third and E and the 15-story Westward Tower located adjacent to it. Both structures, however, will undergo major renovations.

When the multi-faceted project is complete in the spring of 1986, there will be a total of 610 guest rooms, an expanded ballroom of approximately 10,-

000 square feet in addition to 6,000 square feet of meeting space at the ballroom level, a pool and health spa and two renovated, expanded restaurants.

Replacing the Sourdough and "Middle Six" portions of the hotel will be a 15-story addition to the current Westward Tower that would run to the corner of Third and F with the health spa facing F Street. Two hundred guest rooms will be located in this new portion. Retail tenant space on the hotel's street level will also double during the

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expansion, Oxford said, with a concentration of pedestrian amenities along F Street.

A pool with whirlpool spa bath, sauna and steam room on the fifth floor of the new addition will also include a lounge area for private parties in a glass-enclosed atrium facing the Alaska Range. A fifth-floor "cross-over" will provide access to the pool area for guests staying in the Anchorage Tower portion of the hotel.

Oxford noted that the expansion will double the size of the Top of the World restaurant and extend the restaurant onto a rooftop garden terrace lounge.

On the hotel's main floor, renovation of the General Store restaurant will also begin April 1. A new restaurant there, to be called the Berry Patch, will be designed as an open sidewalk cafe. Completion of the project is scheduled for July 1 of this year.

Renovation of the top six

floors of the Anchorage Tower, including the International Suite will begin March 25, Oxford said. Completion of that tower's renovation will coincide with the grand opening of the expanded hotel in 1986.

The Seattle-based architectural firm of Henningson Durham Richardson (HDR) was retained to design the \$28.5 million hotel expansion. The firm has been associated with Anchorage Westward Hilton projects since the mid-1950's. Con-

tractor is Lease-Kissee of Anchorage and consulting engineer is Larry Mathis, also of Anchorage.

Financing is through Rainier Bank Alaska, N.A., United Bank Alaska, and Seattle-First National Bank.