

# Historic Hotels!

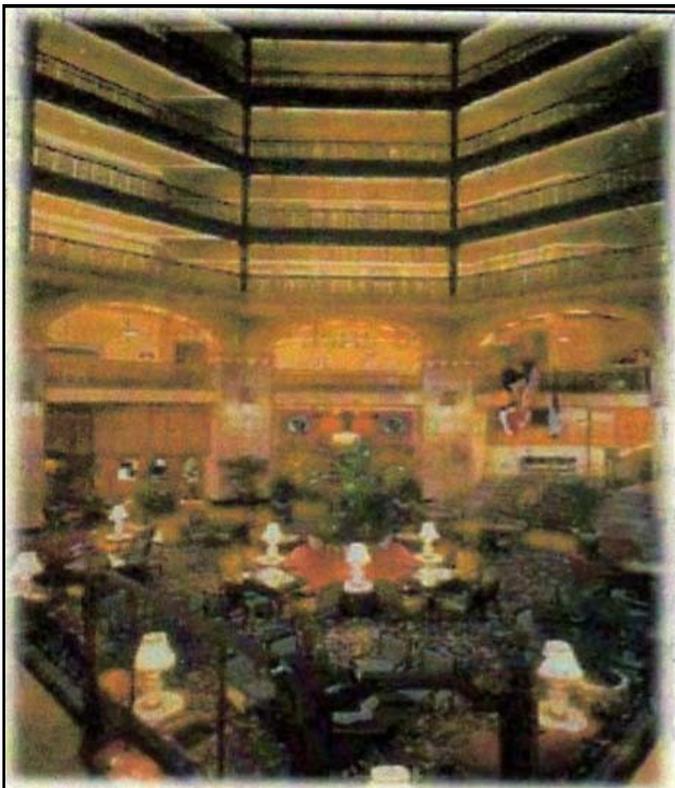
## IV: Denver's *Brown Palace Hotel*

Throughout its 104-year history, the Brown Palace Hotel has played host to presidents, princesses, kings and queens, and their entourage of followers. While most people associate the Brown Palace with President Eisenhower, who used the hotel as his summer headquarters during his administration, the hotel has a long history of hosting other dignitaries as well....just take a look at this partial list!

### Presidents

- Teddy Roosevelt was the first President to stop at the Brown Palace Hotel. He came to Colorado to hunt bear in the spring of 1905. He spoke to businessmen at an elaborate banquet at the hotel. This could not have been a modern-day fundraiser since guests only paid \$10 per person to attend. However, he preceded the trend for cigar smoking. Fifteen hundred cigars were smoked during the event.
- President Roosevelt's first request on arriving at the hotel in September, 1912, was a "tub of ice water." It seems his throat was a bit dry after speaking in five Colorado towns that day. This was during his campaign for President on the Bull Moose Party ticket.
- To please the President Eisenhower, the hotel created an ice carving of a mountain complete with pine trees and a miniature lake at the base of the mountain in which swam three tiny trout. Ike was completely enchanted with the creation and could hardly keep his eyes off the lake and its tiny inhabitants. Thus, when one trout suddenly flipped

himself out of the pool and onto the carpet, Ike leaped out of his chair to the rescue, nearly upsetting the table in his eagerness to save the fish.



### Royal Employees

- In 1903, Count D'Agrenoff, a Russian nobleman worked as a barber at the hotel and shaved President McKinley when he visited Denver.
- Another royal employee was Baron Gottfried von Kroenberger, a WWI ace for Germany who flew with Von Richtofen. He was head waiter when the hotel opened the Palace Arms in 1950.

