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The architectural firm of Kelly & Gruzen, New York and Newark, announces the admission of six new partners and the change of its name to Gruzen & Partners, Architecture-Planning-Engineering.

Hugh A. Kelly, co-founder and former partner, died in May, 1966.

The new partners are Rolland D. Thompson, Richard P. Rosenthal, and Peter Samton, who have been associates in the firm of Kelly & Gruzen for several years, and Norval C. White, Julian H. Whittlesey, and William D. Wilson, all partners in their own architectural firms who have now joined Gruzen & Partners.

This new group joins partners B. Sumner Gruzen, co-founder of the firm; Benjamin M. Gruzen; Jordan L. Gruzen, son of B.S. Gruzen; George G. Shimamoto; and Lloyd Fleischman.

Mr. Thompson was a partner in the firm of Steinhardt & Thompson and was in private practice under his own name until joining Kelly & Gruzen in 1963.

Mr. Rosenthal joined Kelly & Gruzen in 1961 after working for four years with Harrison and Abramovitz. Prior to that, he studied in England for a year under a Fulbright Fellowship.

Mr. Samton, also a Fulbright Fellow, has been on the Kelly & Gruzen staff since 1963. In 1961, he was a member of a design team which was a finalist in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Competition.

Mr. White is a former partner in Rowan & White. He is co-editor of the "AIA Guide to the Architecture of New York City," prepared for the national convention of that organization to be held in New York City next week. He received the Harry B. Rutkins Memorial Award of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1965.

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Mr. Whittlesey, a Fellow of the AIA, is one of the world's leading city planners, identified with master plans for the new cities of Reston, Va.; Chandigarh, the new capital of the Punjab in India; and Kitimat, British Columbia. He has pioneered in large-scale planning and urban design throughout the United States, in Canada, and abroad. He is a former partner in Mayer, Whittlesey & Glass and Whittlesey, Conklin & Rossant. In 1966, he became the first winner of the Andrew B. Thomas Award for pioneering in architecture given by the New York Chapter of the AIA.

Mr. Wilson, immediate past president of the New York Chapter, is a partner in the firm of Holden, Egan, Wilson & Corser.

The firm of Kelly & Gruzen was formed in 1939 in Jersey City as an amalgamation of the offices of Hugh A. Kelly, founded in 1918, and B. Sumner Gruzen, who started practice in 1928.

The firm has been identified with the design of a wide range of building types, including housing, public buildings, schools and universities, medical and institutional facilities, and military installations.

It has been in the news in 1967 as the winner of New York City's Central Park Stables design competition and as recipient of this year's Bard Award from the City Club of New York for excellence in architecture and urban design.

The firm's current work includes the Brooklyn Bridge Southwest redevelopment -- a huge urban renewal project of office buildings, housing, and department stores being developed by Tishman Realty & Construction Co.; one of the country's largest university engineering centers at the University of the State of New York campus at Stony Brook, L.I.; new Police Headquarters for New York City, to be the largest such facility in the world; the Newark campus of Rutgers University; the Medium Security Prison for the State of New Jersey at Leesburg; and one of the country's largest homes for the aged in Cleveland.

Among its more prominent past architectural contributions are the United States Mission to the UN, the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Horizon House apartments in Fort Lee, N.J., New York School of Printing, New York City Police Academy, Wingate High School in Brooklyn (the "banjo" school), The Spanish Pavilion at the New York World's Fair, and proposed urban communities over the railroad tracks behind Lincoln Center (Litho City) and the Pennsylvania Rail Road Station.

Gruzen & Partners has also elevated eight staff members to associate. They are Irwin Axelrod, Murray Sput, Paul Silver, Barnard A. Fischer, Raymond Tuccio, Irving Levett, Robert A. Genchek, and Arnold H. Goldberg.

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