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Witness Asserts Plane 'Glass'
Invention Is Wholly German

WASHINGTON, April 21 (AP)—S. C. Kelton, secretary of Rohm & Haas Company, Inc., Philadelphia, manufacturers of a plastic glass substitute used in bombers and military aircraft, told the Senate Patents Committee today that the story of Plexiglas (the trade name of his company's product) was a "story of one-way flow of information."

"We got it from Germany and if we hadn't secured from German concerns both the patents and the technical information on manufacture there wouldn't be an inch of Plexiglas in an American bomber or pursuit plane today," he said.

Walter R. Hutchinson, special

assistant to the Attorney General, had criticized an international cartel involving Rohm & Haas and the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company, Inc.

Mr. Kelton declared that his company spent \$4,000,000 of its own funds to expand to meet defense and war demands and had received commendation of Air Corps and Army officials for production.

Mr. Hutchinson testified that American firms had supplied South American customers of German industries under agreements to return the markets to the German interests after the war.

He asserted that he was not questioning the patriotism of the American business interests which had participated in the international cartels.