

is reached. It was the feeling of the committee that, regardless of what decision might be made at this time, the design should be completed and available for later introduction. Recognizing the inefficiency of stopping a development program and starting it again at a later time, the committee suggested that R&D complete the design work now in progress.

#### Fore-end

The Treasurer's Department has provided Sales with new economics. The Plant has estimated that, with authorization by October 1, the changeover could be effected late in December without obsolescence. However, with the apparent drop in volume of the Model 870, the Sales Department desires to review this subject further before submitting a recommendation.

#### Receiver Decoration

R&D called attention to the possibility of improving the appearance of the ADL grade and increasing the contrast between the A and ADL grades by applying receiver decoration similar to that used on the Sportsman-58. This possibility is of interest to Sales, so R&D and the Ilion Plant will prepare preliminary cost estimates.

### CENTER FIRE RIFLES

#### MODEL 721 - 300 MAGNUM BARREL LENGTH

S. M. Alvis pointed out that some time ago he submitted recommendations concerning the barrel lengths to be used on the Models 721, 722, and 725, to insure that only one barrel length was used for a given caliber. In that letter he recommended a length of 26 inches for the 300 W&H Magnum, and this was approved by the Sales Department. It has now been noted, however, that this is the only 26-inch barrel in this group of rifles, and R&D submitted a revised recommendation suggesting that this barrel length be dropped to 24 inches.

The committee concurred in this recommendation.