

The Ilion Plant records show that, of approximately 26,000 rifles shipped, seven have been returned for repair because of failure of the fore-end support. The committee did not feel that this amount of trouble justified the increase in cost of the rifle, and this item was deferred for later consideration if the problem appears to become more serious.

MODEL 555

Initial shipments of all metal parts have been received. A few modifications have been necessary, but it is now expected that the complete parts requirement will be available in October. The first 200 guns are still scheduled for completion in December, 1957.

MODEL 572

Color Master Series

Numerous difficulties have been encountered in the manufacture and coloring of barrels. Initial deliveries to the warehouse have therefore been somewhat delayed, and the Ilion Plant submitted a revised warehouse schedule:

Schedule submitted:	<u>8/27/57</u>	<u>9/24/57</u>
September	570	-
October	1,560	1,560
November	1,300	1,300
December	1,470	1,470

The Sales Department now expects to recommend to Management that the limited distribution in two areas be foregone and that a general announcement and distribution be scheduled for January 1, 1958.

This change in plans on the part of the Sales Department reflects a growing feeling that this gun will meet enthusiastic reception. The Plant is therefore accelerating efforts to specify equipment requirements and obtain project approval for obtaining proper equipment to maintain scheduled production. It was noted that the only forecast against which the Ilion Plant can plan is 15,000 in 1958 and 10,000 per year thereafter (No. 4, 1957, Forecast, and Five-year Forecast).