

in May, 1958, and on this basis the Sales Department may elect to announce all three in January.

ALL PURPOSE STOCK - MODELS 721, 722, 725, 740 and 760

All tooling has been received and pilot operations have started. Substantially all purchased parts have been received. It now appears that first sample guns may be available about November 1, which is a month earlier than previously estimated.

The current development schedule (dated August 27, 1957) includes a table of the estimated time when the common sight line will become available in each of the calibers in the Models 721, 722, 740 and 760. It was pointed out that since this change is to be made without obsolescence, the reduced volume of sales now being experienced on these models will delay the run-out of old style stocks and hence the availability of the all-purpose stock.

It was noted that final appearance approval has not been obtained in Bridgeport and a sample was to be made available as soon as possible.

MODEL 740

Ejection Port Cover

Three ejection port covers have been tested by Research and Development one thousand rounds each without uncovering any difficulties. Since the plant estimates that this change will yield net savings of three thousand dollars per year, work on tooling is proceeding. It is expected that by the next meeting the Plant will be able to provide the necessary information to accompany a recommendation to the Committee that the ejection port cover be adopted.

ADL Fore-end Cap

As the result of an investigation of a suggestion made at the Ilion plant, a revised fore-end cap molded from nylon is being investigated. It was generally believed to offer improved appearance and is estimated to cost \$.05 less than the present fore-end cap. The Sales Department will obtain a reaction to this design and report at the next meeting.