

it has been found that the use of a flat wire spring will increase magazine capacity approximately 1/8". The revised springs have been tested and found satisfactory. It is therefore planned to use these springs, which are readily obtainable, on guns assembled after about December 15, 1957. This will increase costs by approximately \$.06 per gun.

The Committee requested Research and Development and the Ilion plant to continue to seek a less expensive way of overcoming this difficulty, perhaps through modification of the nylon spacer.

GENERAL

The tentative shotgun program suggested by the Secretary at the last meeting was reviewed again and the following changes were suggested. Although the 12 and 20 gauge Skeet guns would be retained in the Sportsman-48 in 1958 and 1959, they would be dropped on January 1, 1960 when the last of the Model 11-48 and Sportsman-48 series is obsolete.

The Sales Department is not very anxious to have a Riot gun of the autoloading type and they will therefore consider deletion of the Model 11-48R on January 1, 1959 with no replacement in the Sportsman-58.

In anticipation of an A Grade gun in the Sportsman-58 on January 1, 1959, the Sales Department will prepare a forecast and goal selling price. The Ilion Plant and Research and Development will consider what features of the present Sportsman-58 ADL could be left off. This will include consideration of elimination of the Dial-A-Matic magazine cap.

The Sales Department is still not satisfied with the plan to introduce the 28 and 410 gauges in the Sportsman-58 and they are seeking some proposal which will justify the addition of these gauges in the Model 870. As a result, no attempt will be made to obtain formal approval of this autoloading shotgun program at this time. However, it will be retained for Committee membership guidance, and will be reviewed by the Committee from time to time. As revised above, the program is now as follows: