

Arms Division Minute 5, 1958

MODEL 11-48 and SPORTSMAN-48

Model 11-48R

The tentative program outlined in Minute 11, November, 1957, showed the Model 11-48R being dropped on January 1, 1959. The Iliion Plant reported that sales in 1958 through July 15 had amounted to 39 guns. The Sales Department agrees that the Model 870R is a much better riot gun and that we should drop the Model 11-48R as planned.

Decision:

The Operations Committee, Arms Division, recommends to the Management, the dropping from the line on January 1, 1959 of the Model 11-48R. 83

Model 11-48 - 28 and 410 Gauges

The tentative program called for dropping the Model 11-48 in 28 and 410 gauges on January 1, 1959 but this was in anticipation of the announcement of the small gauges in either the Sportsman-58 or Model 870. Since it is not now planned to bring these smaller gauges out in either of these guns, the Model 11-48 should be retained at least for the calendar year 1959. It was suggested that this subject be reviewed in approximately May 1959 to determine plans for 1960.

Sportsman-48

The tentative program called for deletion of all specifications of Sportsman-48 on January 1, 1959 except the 12 and 20 gauge SA which were to be retained to January 1, 1960. The decision on whether to proceed with this program must await decision on introduction of the Sportsman-58A or the KS-3. If one of these guns is introduced, the Committee will almost certainly feel that the Sportsman-48 should be deleted as planned. If they are not introduced, we should probably retain the Sportsman-48A for another year.

The question of parts coverage raised at the last meeting will not assume importance until a decision is reached to drop this line.