

The warehouse schedule remains as outlined in Minute No. 5 dated July 29, 1958 on the assumption that the molding vendor will settle labor problems.

Shipping tests have been made of the Nylon 66. Considerable marking of the nylon stocks has occurred in transit. By comparison a standard Model 552 subjected to the same tests appears relatively unaffected. Research & Development explains that a wood surface because of its nature camouflages marks compared to the smooth surface of nylon. The Model 552 also rests on its operating handle in the package, thus in part protecting the stock. An adequate package to protect the Nylon 66 is essential.

Consideration has been given to packing the rifle with and without the operating handle in place. Sales requests that packaging be done with the operating handle assembled.

The Committee was shown a sample of a new box which will accommodate the rifle with the operating handle assembled, and a special wrapping paper for critical bearing points on the rifle. It is now proposed to use this new larger box, the special wrapping paper and a special pad or block to protect the operating handle to make up a new package. The Plant will submit a sample package complete to latest specifications for Sales approval.

The Sales Department has noted that some of the recent Nylon 66's are heavier than the specified 4 lb. weight. This was explained by the fact that the gun now has a powdered metal front sight with white bead instead of the lighter weight molded black nylon.

The Plant warned that with last minute die changes, package changes and imminent labor trouble at the molding vendor, it would be difficult to make warehouse schedule but everything possible will be done to do so.

#### SIGHTS

A Model 572 with sample front and rear sights representing a compromise in height was shown to the Committee and turned over to the Sales Department.

The Committee approved the sample and the Plant is proceeding with the Model 572 Lightweight according to authorization outlined in Informative Bulletin No. 9 (Arms Division) dated August 25, 1958.

Model drawings of the Rear and Front Sights for the Model 572 ADL gun were released for processing and tool design October 2. Drawings of the aluminum Rear Sight were released for procurement. Design of the powder metal dies for the Front Sight has started.

An effort will be made to have new parts available for gun assembly January 1959.