

It is the Plant's opinion that Remington should look in the direction of formable plastics to replace wood and eventually wipe out the majority of the woodworking investment. The Plant feels that better synthetics will be available in five years and Remington should be ready to utilize them fully.

MAPLE STOCKS AND FORE-ENDS - GOLD-COLORED PARTS
(SPORTSMAN-58ADX and MODEL 870ADX)

The Plant reports that production problems have been encountered in masking of magazine caps for application of gold coloring. However, components in sufficient quantities to take care of all gun orders are expected in the first part of March.

Sales commented that the gold coloring on the operating handle of Sportsman-58 shotguns shows a tendency to wear off in use.

Research & Development indicates that a more durable electroplate could be achieved if desirable, but cost would increase. After review of a sample Sportsman-58, the Committee agreed that the question of operating handle wear was not critical and therefore a processing change is not indicated.

The Plant reports that orders have been received for Sportsman-58 Magnum guns with maple stocks and fore-ends and gold-colored parts. It was pointed out that the original proposal for ADX grade shotguns did not include the Sportsman-58 Magnum or the Model 870 Magnum. If these guns are to be added to the line with ADX specifications, Operations Committee and Management approvals are required.

The Sales Department recommended that the present ADX line of shotguns be extended to include the Magnum models of the 858 and the 870. Magnum ADX models would be supplied on special order only. The present \$15.00 price differential established for ADX grades would be maintained in the case of Magnum shotguns supplied to ADX specifications. Economics in support of this proposal will be presented.

RIFLE SIGHTS ON SHOTGUN EXTRA BARRELS

Tooling for this item has been received and pilot operations have started on the front and rear sight bases. Pilot barrels are expected for testing in the middle of March. The schedule for warehousing of guns is as follows -

March 3, 1959 Schedule

	<u>Model 870</u>	<u>Sportsman-58</u>	<u>Model 11-48</u>
April 1959	100	100	100
May 1959	200	200	0
June 1959	----- (As required by Sales) -----		