

MINUTE #9-1960

3. Final model number for the new 700 Series rifles has not yet been determined, but will probably be either Model 700 or Model 721. It is considered that this item should bear the same model number, and be part of the new series.

The Production Department states that ammunition for this item will be ready by January 1, 1961, provided required packaging material is approved and is made available by that date. In view of the potential availability of both rifle and ammunition in early 1961, the following action was taken:

COMMITTEE ACTION: A tentative announcement date of January 1, 1961 will be established for the Model 725 in Calibers 375 H&H and 348 Winchester, with the understanding that a January, 1962 date of announcement is desired by the Committee, if acceptable to General Management.

A prototype of this item will be sent to Bridgeport as soon as possible for General Management evaluation.

NEW 700 SERIES BOLT ACTION RIFLE - "A" AND "ADL" GRADES

Prototypes of both "A" and "ADL" Grade rifles were shown. Current design embodies the following:

1. A redesigned Monte Carlo cheekpiece stock, with special machine checkering in "A" Grade, and hand checkering in "ADL" Grade. The "A" Grade stock encloses the base of the magazine in the "A" Grade, and is provided with a hinged floor plate in "ADL" Grade. A black nylon fore-end tip, and white spacers on fore-end tip, grip cap, and butt plate are provided in "ADL" Grade.
2. A new side-of-receiver safety lever on both grades.
3. Redesigned bolt handle and knob.
4. Sand blasted receiver bridge.
5. Rearwardly repositioned trigger assembly with swept-back trigger.

Further contemplated design changes include reposition of the safety to the rearward terminus of the bolt, and redesign of the bolt plug for better appearance. It was agreed that the Sales Department would work closely with Research & Development on determination of features of the final design.