

that custom checkering equipment will be completed and tied-in with modifications to stock tooling in time to start sustained stock production in the third week of February.

It was questioned by Sales whether die impressed checkering could be provided on Model 700 samples to be used at the NSGA show during the week of January 21, 1962. Rifles with die impressed checkering will probably not be available for this show and, additionally, the Patent Counsel has requested that no public display of die impressed checkering be made until a patent application is filed thereon, around February 1, 1962. Hand checkered samples may be used for display at the discretion of the Sales Department.

Writer's Guns

Current scheduling calls for shipping Model 700 ADL rifles in 7MM Remington Magnum caliber to gun editors on February 1, 1962. It is questioned whether these guns should be shipped at this date without die impressed checkering. The Sales Department wants no compromise in the specifications of guns shipped to editors and writers, and insists that specifications of these guns be identical to the product we will sell. The Research & Development and Production Departments expect that writers' guns can be shipped by February 15, 1962.

Test of 7MM Remington Magnum Caliber

Research & Development reports that acceptable accuracy has been achieved in test of the 7MM Remington Magnum caliber. This caliber will be tested in assembled guns in the near future.

Extractor

Research & Development is model testing a proposed riveted extractor in Magnum caliber rifles. Very good results have been obtained. Release of design is imminent, and it is expected that tooling for permanent operations on the riveted extractor will be completed by February 1, 1962. Use of unriveted extractors in 30-06 and related calibers of the Model 700 will be held to a minimum by scheduling production to first complete Caliber 222 assemblies. The 222 assemblies will not use the riveted extractor.

MODEL 700 BANTAMWEIGHT RIFLE AND RELATED PISTOL

New Finish

The Research & Development Department displayed a Model 700 Bantamweight rifle and an XP-700 Pistol, each provided with a semi-matte blue-black Parkerized finish. This finish is reported to be 10 to 20% more rust resistant than the best bluing processes.