

- stock duplicates the Sportsman 58. Prototype shotguns to these measurements were provided for the Regional Sales Managers to shoot at Bridgeport the end of May. Their general concensus was that the drop and pointing characteristics of the Sportsman 68 are equivalent to the Sportsman 58.

Carrier

- A flatter carrier has been approved by the Committee.

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### CENTER FIRE RIFLES AND PISTOLS

#### MODEL 700 BOLT ACTION RIFLE

The Production Department reported that 9,500 Model 700's have been produced to date including 25 BDL grade that are beginning to come through the line. All nine ADE calibers including 7MM Remington Magnum and 264 Winchester Magnum have been warehoused. It is felt that the problems of the BDL grade are in hand and the production of 2,500 is scheduled in June.

A current production BDL sample was shown to the Committee and will be taken to Bridgeport for display to General Management.

General Management approved on May 23, 1962 the Committee's recommendations to discontinue the Models 721, 722, and 725.

#### XP-100 BOLT ACTION PISTOL

##### Project Status

The Production Department reported that the XP-100 pistol continues to be approximately six weeks behind schedule as a result of the higher priority given the Sportsman 68. Effort continues to warehouse pistols in January, 1963, short of interfering with the Sportsman 68. The marketing strategy discussed in conjunction with the Sportsman 68, whereby the XP-100 pistol will probably not be announced until two months after the Sportsman 68, does not in any way affect the goal warehouse date of the pistol.

The sustained high production rate of the Model 700 rifle will create some interference with pilot operations on the pistol since several operations for both are performed on the same machines. Priority will be given to Model 700 production and the pilot