

FIREARMSWOOD PRESS FORMINGMODEL 870, 12-16-20 GAUGE FORE-ENDS

R & D reported that a construction project is now being circulated for approval to obtain funds for the fabrication of auxiliary equipment required for processing carved Fore-end blanks to the accuracies required for a press form process. Current scheduling indicates that facilities capable of producing approximately one-half of the total volume of Model 870 press formed Fore-ends should be ready for trial production use in April, 1972.

Facilities for producing full volume of Model 870 press formed Fore-ends are scheduled for completion in September, 1972.

In the meantime, additional modifications and refinements are being made to both of the Model 870 Fore-end presses and their associated tooling for production use.

MODEL 742-760 CENTER FIRE RIFLE STOCK

Production reported that samples of press formed Model 742-760 Stocks were reviewed with Marketing. Suggested refinements to the checkering have been completed. Non-uniform heat distribution was found in the profile die and has been corrected. It still appears possible to plate the dies and start limited press form production of Stocks in January. Full production will be accomplished in March.

SHOTGUNSMODEL 1100, 20 GAUGE LIGHTWEIGHT SHOTGUN

Production reported that each of the three Model 1100, 20 gauge lightweight shotguns being endurance tested at Bridgeport have been fired more than 10,000 rounds. R & D and Production have agreed to return these guns to Ilion and complete the testing in R & D.