

MATERIALS SUPPLYWOOD

Production reported that the walnut wood suppliers indicate they have sufficient logs and cut gunstock blanks on hand to meet production requirements for the next seven months.

Model 600 Stocks are being fabricated from birch wood. Model 788 and 580 Series will also be made from birch starting in July, 1975.

Phase II of the "Availability of Walnut for Gun Stocks" has been started. Emphasis will be placed on establishing sources of supply for walnut gunstocks in the eastern region of the country, i.e., Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, Indiana or Kentucky.

STEEL

Production reported that steel producers have dropped the allocation requirements. The hot rolled steel supply is normal and is expected to remain stable until the beginning of the fourth quarter. What happens then, depends upon recovery of the economy. A strong recovery would start a tight supply condition again.

Cold rolled steel and tubing items are still in a very tight supply situation which is not expected to show any marked improvement for the balance of the year.

Requests for quotations have been forwarded to foreign steel producers for some of our large tonnage requirements. To date, no firm replies have been received.

PURCHASED PARTS

Production reported on the Model 742-760 Magazine Box supply. From February 26, 1975 to March 14, 1975, a total of 71,600 Magazine Boxes have been received from the vendor. Deliveries are expected to continue at the rate of 60,000 every two months.

Year to date, 36,958 Magazine Boxes have been shipped as spare parts. It is anticipated shipments will continue at 18,000 per month.

Production recommended that reporting on Materials Supply be dropped.