

solescence. The Ilion plant reported that production could start two months after authorization. Thus, prompt action will be required if the requested January 1, 1958 date is to be met.

Decision:

The Operations Committee, Arms Division, recommends to Management the adoption without obsolescence of the vertical grooved fore-end for the Model 870 AP.

Receiver Decoration

At the previous meeting, it was suggested that receiver decoration similar to that used on the Sportsman-58 might be applied to the Model 870 ADL to improve the appearance and increase the contrast between the AP and ADL grades. 83

Preliminary review by the Plant indicated that application of the receiver decoration to all grades of the Model 870 could be accomplished but that application to the ADL grade only would raise a number of problems and would be economically unjustified without a substantial increase in the price of the ADL grade guns. Since Sales does not feel that this increase could be made at this time, this item will be tabled but the Sales Department will give some further consideration to adding receiver decoration to all grades.

SPORTSMAN-58

Ejector

Minute No. 6, 1957 indicated that the new double ramp ejector to improve functioning with certain types of competitive ammunition would be adopted. It was reported at this meeting that the cost of introducing the new ejector required a project. It is hoped that authorization to incorporate this ejector will be received shortly.

SPORTSMAN-X

In connection with planning future shotgun models and considering different methods of producing shotgun barrels, tube reducing is receiving serious consideration. In this connection the question was raised whether plans should be based on using