

SPORTSMAN-58

A Grade

The Operations Committee recommendation for the introduction of the A Grade gun has been submitted to Management for approval. The Management has referred it back to the Sales Department for reconsideration of the pricing structure.

In the meantime, the proposal for the Model XS-3 (Model 870 autoloader) has been brought forward. Should this be adopted, it would probably not be advisable to introduce the Sportsman-58 A Grade.

The Iliion Plant points out that introduction of the A Grade Sportsman-58 would reduce the annual schedule of the ADL Grade from 50,000 to 15,000. To prevent excessive stocks of the higher grade gun in the warehouse, the Iliion Plant should know by August 1 if the A Grade gun is to be introduced on January 1, 1959. 83

3" Magnum

Design studies for producing a version of the Sportsman-58 in three-shot capacity for the 3" Magnum shell have been completed and turned over to the Plant for costing. Plant cost figures will be turned over to the Treasurer's Department as soon as they are available.

In response to questions from Research and Development, the Sales Department stated that this gun should have a rubber recoil pad. They recognized that because of the receiver decoration on the Sportsman-58, the name "Magnum" cannot appear on the receiver, and they will be satisfied to have this prominently marked on the barrel. In addition, they would like to see it marked somewhere on the bottom of the gun so it would be visible in a gun rack. This might be accomplished on the carrier or on the receiver saddle (the area between the carrier and the fore-end). The Sales Department asked whether this gun (or a 3" Magnum version of the XS-3) could function reliably with all loads from light target loads to 3" Magnum loads. Research and Development stated that they thought that it would be possible to accomplish this so far as physical dimensions are concerned affecting loading and ejection. They were unprepared, however, to predict whether the operating mechanism in either case could be made to function reliably for such a wide range of loads. It may be