

appearance samples of each stock will be presented to the May meeting of the Committee for approval.

The schedule for the Model 600 rifle (and XP100 pistol), a copy of which showing status is attached, indicates the project is behind schedule. This is due to the design items noted above that remain to be completed and to high priority being given to the Sportsman 68. The Production Department feels that the major part of the lost time will be recovered, but effort will not be sacrificed on the Sportsman 68 to do so.

In response to the Chairman's question of why an April introduction date was acceptable for this rifle in contrast to the generally accepted practice of first of the year introductions, the Sales Department stated that an exception was made for the Model 600 because of the specialized nature of the rifle. Introduction later in the year will also avoid conflict with the earlier sales promotion of the Sportsman 68.

#### XP100 PISTOL

The Research and Development Department reported that the design of the XP-100 pistol is also complete and has been released except for the vent rib and sights. The method of fastening the rib to the barrel appears to have been defined and the design will be completed shortly.

The status of the schedule for the pistol is the same as the Model 600 rifle at this stage, and is attached. The time by which the pistol lags the schedule is expected to be recovered but effort will not be sacrificed on the Sportsman 68 to do so.

The Sales Department announced that the cartridge for the XP-100 pistol will be known as the 221 Remington "FIREBALL". This description will appear on the cartridge box and will be roll marked on the barrel of the pistol.

An appearance sample will be presented to the Committee at the May meeting for approval prior to submission to Management as a production prototype. The appearance sample will have a wood stock instead of nylon since the nylon dies will not be available until later in the year. It was felt that the expense of machining a nylon stock is not justified for this purpose.