

The Sales Department requested time to review the prototype pistol. They assumed responsibility for obtaining Committee approval by May 15. The urgency for approval is associated primarily with the rear sight which is common to the Model 600 rifle, and would be extended to the nylon stock rim fire line of Nylon 10, 11, 12, 66 and 76, if so approved. The volume of the nylon stock rim fire line would justify special machines for the new sight. The availability of these machines will reduce product cost of the XP-100 pistol and Model 600 rifle. Models of the Nylon 11 and 66 fitted with the new type rear sight were left with the Sales Department and the Committee to review for approval.

MODEL 600 TRAILMASTER RIFLE

The project for the rifle is on schedule, with start of warehouse production planned for mid-March, 1963.

The prototype of the rifle, having the proposed rear sight as discussed with the XP-100 pistol above, was presented for Committee approval. Approval was deferred, pending further consideration by the Sales Department. The Sales Department assumed responsibility for obtaining approval of the prototype by May 15.

MODEL 742 AUTOLOADER - CALIBER 243 WINCHESTER

The Sales Department reported on the need for the caliber 243 in the Model 742 autoloader. They stated that Winchester is supplying this caliber in their Model 100 autoloading rifle. This will provide Winchester with a competitive advantage in a caliber size in which Remington has no corresponding offering in the Model 742. The Sales Department cited the increased competition in the autoloading center fire line during the past three years from the Winchester Model 100 and the Ruger "Deerstalker". The disadvantage of lacking a competitive caliber provides further means of competitive inroads.

The Sales Department contrasted the caliber 243 with the caliber 244. Some states have anti-maiming game laws that prohibit the use of bullets weighing less than 100 grains for general hunting. They pointed out that the increasing popularity of the caliber 243 is, in part at least, due to the availability of a high velocity 100 grain hunting weight bullet as well as an 80 grain varmit weight bullet. The caliber 244, on the other hand, is only available in varmit weights of 75 and 90 grain.

The Production and Research and Development Departments indicated that changes will probably be required to the magazine and cartridge feed and to the orifice in the gas system.

The Committee requested that the Research and Development and Production Departments determine the design changes necessary,