

CENTER FIRE RIFLES AND PISTOLS (Cont'd)MODEL 600 CARBINE (Cont'd)

Sales stated they have not received enough trade reaction to draw any conclusion on the acceptance of the Model 600. Such reaction to a rifle is not usually apparent until after the hunting season.

The 6MM Remington has been approved for invoiced shipment and jobber orders are being filled. Production does not anticipate any problems meeting shipping schedule.

All approved calibers of the Model 600 are in production. This item is complete and will be dropped.

NEW CENTER FIRE DEVELOPMENT

The Committee discussed both the short range improvements needed to sustain sales of present center fire rifles and the long range replacements needed for obsolescence.

Sales confirmed the need for short range improvements to sustain present volume. They feel they need to complete a market research study to determine the features needed for long range replacement of current models.

Research indicated that various short range improvements could be made such as new stock and fore end shapes. For long range, they are developing new concepts such as progressive rifling and tapered bore to produce higher velocities and better ballistics. Research feels that long range design must be done along the lines of the current appraisal of the XR series wherein an entire family of rim fire, center fire and shotguns are developed based on common parts.

The Chairman made the following two assignments asking that the progress and plans be reported separately at the June meeting:

1. Short Range - Sales, Research and Production mutually formulate needs and plans to improve the center fire rifles for 1966.

2. Long Range

1. Sales conduct market research to establish the specifications required for long range products.

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