

METAL FINISHES - contd.

A revised draft of the Part II to the project was submitted to Treasury for review. Submission to the Board of Directors will probably be in September. By this time, the Ilion plant should be able to report that the objectives of the Part I are being accomplished. The Part I covered improved finishing of metal parts for the Models 1100 and 870 and the Part II extends the program to cover center fire rifles and the Model 11-48.

As part of the discussion, the Ilion plant was requested to evaluate all known finishing processes. It is possible that some other method should be considered before additional funds are requested.

WOODBlanks

The possibility of obtaining wood from South America was discussed with CBC Management. There are no reliable sources. Problems of export and rates of exchange are also factors. While there is wood available, the sources are as scattered as in the United States. Taking everything into consideration, CBC Management did not recommend South America as a source of wood for guns. This confirms the experience of the Purchasing Department in trying to procure walnut through importers.

It was therefore concluded that we would have to look to the United States and Canada for walnut and alternate wood sources. Also investigation of substitute materials must be continued.

Committee Action

The consideration of South America as a source for wood will be dropped. The Ilion plant and R & D are charged with the responsibility of developing new sources, consideration of substitute woods and alternate materials.

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