

BENCH REST BULLETS - contd.

Exhibit 13 covers the proposed program for bench rest bullets. It is believed that pilot manufacture can start in April 1969. Volume production of top quality bullets will require the V & O blanking and cupping press which is on order. Delivery is expected in four months.

TRAPS

Exhibit 14 covers the trap program. This item is carried by the Operations Committee and R & D is to present a plan in May 1969.

MODEL 700 IMPROVEMENTS

The 1969 version of the Model 700 provides a shroud which satisfies the export requirements. A complete shroud which would prevent all gas from escaping at the rear of the Bolt probably is not economically feasible. Customers appear to want an indication when the rifle is cocked. This is provided with the present design.

Tests indicate that the gas escape at the rear of the Model 700 Bolt from pierced primers is not of a nature to cause injury. Gas escape caused by split cases, whether from faulty ammunition or firing the Model 700 with a cartridge other than the one for which it is chambered can cause damage through gas and small particles escape at the Bolt Head. This is because the gas seal at the head is not perfect although better than competitive Bolt action rifles. The closest to perfection from this standpoint is the Model 591-592 which uses the rim fire case metal to seal the joint. Continued efforts are being made to improve Remington's competitive position with a better shroud at the rear of the Bolt.

R & D believes the future for the Model 700 rifle lies in improved finishes, press formed Stocks, detachable magazine, left hand actions and appearance more closely resembling custom rifles.

83