

FIREARMSSHOTGUNSWOOD PRESS FORMING

Production reported that the second stainless steel master die should be completed in July. Full production of the Model 870 Stock has been achieved with the one stainless die and using the two original steel dies.

Work on the equipment and tooling for the Model 1100, 12-16-20 gauge press form Stock is progressing. The schedule is for production to start June 1970.

The project for the press forming of the Model 742-760 regular grade Stock was approved.

ERD reported that the development of the Model 870 Fore End press forming is on schedule. It is planned to submit a construction project in July. High spot economics indicate a low return on the estimated \$60,000 capital and \$30,000 operation costs. The project should indicate the improvement in quality, uniformity and other factors that warrant the press forming of Fore Ends.

MODEL 870 SHOTGUNS

Production reported that orders have been placed for the molding dies and a pilot quantity of butt and grip cap spacers. Samples are promised the first part of September. Production should be able to report at the September meeting if the changeover can be completely effected by January 1, 1970.

MODEL 870, 28-410 GAUGEMODEL 1100, 20-28-410 GAUGE

R & D reported on testing of current production Model 1100, 28 gauge; 410 gauge 3" chamber field grade and 410 gauge 2½" chamber skeet guns. The results of the 28 gauge and field