

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 870 "ALL AMERICAN" 12 GAUGE TRAP GUN
(Introduction 1972)

Production reported that trial and pilot metal components for the Model 870 "All American" shotgun will be ready for N/C engraving by October 1. Stocks and Fore-ends made of A grade wood are available for trial of the N/C checkering machine. Hi-grade wood components will be ready for checkering by November 1.

R & D reported that a visit was made to Du Pont Louviers Building in August to review the N/C engraving and checkering machines. Progress then indicated that the work was two months behind schedule because of development problems and priorities given to other jobs. Du Pont Engineering management apparently now has straightened out the priority question. With this delay, however, it will not be possible to have salesman's samples by December 1, 1971. 83

On the present schedule and work plan, salesman's samples of the Model 870 "All American" would be ready February 1, 1972 (the Model 541-S would be ready March 1, 1972.) An emergency program has been developed which includes sending a Remington operator and computer programmer to Louviers to run production on the second shift as each pattern is debugged. It is estimated that this program will cost an extra \$12,000 and will provide Model 870 "All American" samples by December 27, 1971 (Model 541-S samples by January 15, 1972.) All samples would be produced before moving the equipment to Ilion.

In discussing this program, two things became apparent: (1) The foregoing schedule represents the earliest completion date for salesman's samples and (2) March 1, 1972, would be the earliest that Model 870 "All American" guns would start going to the warehouse.

An additional part will have to be written for both the N/C engraving and checkering projects.