
Nixon Aide Reports Plan to Bar Cheap Handguns

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (UPI)—A Justice Department official told Congress today that the Administration hoped to propose legislation soon that would outlaw the sale of "Saturday night special" handguns, but that it was troubled by the technical problem of classifying such weapons.

Donald E. Santarelli, Associate Deputy Attorney General, testified before the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommit-

tee, which is holding hearings on a bill to prohibit the sale of the cheap, low-quality guns. The bill is sponsored by Senator Birch Bayh, Indiana Democrat who is the subcommittee's chairman.

Mr. Santarelli said he hoped the Administration could produce its own bill "in as little as 45 days from now," but that it was being delayed by the necessity of defining the weapons in terms of caliber, size,

safety and the purpose for which they are used.

Mr. Bayh said that as a lawyer he could appreciate such technical problems, "but I have the feeling the technology could be worked out in a month's time."

Mr. Bayh's bill would amend the Gun Control Act of 1968 to, in effect, make it illegal to sell guns that did not meet the standards set forth for imported handguns.
