

TRIGGER TALK

WITH HIS USUAL direct and colorful approach, Colonel Askins lays it on the line about the showing made by our "nation of marksmen" in the 1956 Olympics. The shooting Colonel has long championed greater interest in Olympic and International competition on the part of the United States, and in this article he probes straight to the causes of our embarrassing failures in these fields. . . Pictures with this article are the first and only such complete coverage ever made of Olympic shooting and GUNS' Australian correspondent Jeff Carter did an outstanding job of capturing the color of this major event in gun competition.

Some of the finest hunting on earth is found in Mexico. Exotic animals and exotic terrain, both in fantastic variety, offer new hunting thrills within relatively easy reach of state-side sportsmen, and new laws make it possible to transport hunting weapons and ammunition. Emmett Gowen's story, "Guns For Mexican Hunting," tells how and where.

In this 150th year since the birth of Robert E. Lee, the 92nd year since the close of the Civil War, it is appropriate to publish a story on the rifles used by the Confederacy. Jac Weller's fact-packed article on this subject does for Confederate shoulder weapons what many others have done for Confederate handguns.

Varmint hunters and addicts of varmint-type rifles are not the only readers who will find interesting suggestions in Bob Bell's article, "Crows Are Tricky Targets." Here, Bell says, is a target available nearly everywhere which offers fun and challenge to all riflemen—from the novice with the simple plinking rifle to the specialist with the bull-barelled wildcat 'chucker.

Coming soon is a story for the Colt handgun collector, and another about an auto pistol so new, so different that it does not even use conventional ammunition. Coming also is an article, complete with GUNS' own laboratory test results, of a "rifle without cartridges." No, it isn't a story of a hunter caught short of ammunition; it may, just may, be a preview of "the rifle of tomorrow."

THE COVER

Evgenii Tcherkassov of the USSR with one of the twin upside-down pistols he and his teammate, Sorokine, used in the rapid fire contests. Tcherkassov won second in this event, looks as if he would be in the running and a man to beat for some time.

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