

of insanity. People involved in killings of this nature are frequently those who have not previously been looked upon as criminals, and thus would have had no trouble in registering firearms under any system of registration.

As to the reaction of the Criminal to any provision for universal registration of firearms, it is generally agreed by all, even the most rabid proponents of registration, that the criminal would simply disregard it.

It is, therefore, assumed for the purposes of this proposed Policy statement, that the objective of firearms legislation and control

must be: (a) to limit the use of firearms by criminals;

(b) to insure the safe handling of firearms by good citizens.

CONTROLS NOW IN EFFECT

HANDGUNS:

All handguns must be registered under a National system with central records maintained by the R. C. M. P. in Ottawa. Registration may be refused in the interest of the safety of the owner or other persons and the handgun seized. Before the owner of a registered handgun can carry it beyond his residence or place of business, he must have police permit. The issue of a police permit to carry is discretionary and in Alberta governed by the Policy Guidelines of the Solicitor-General and may be issued only for use in target practice under the auspices of a shooting club approved by the Solicitor-General of Alberta where the club certifies the applicant is a member in good standing and is proficient in the use of the