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o shoot over land
no legal require-
the gun secure at
be propped in a
cupboard or hung
e.
they are compari-
steal from any

and we are very conce-
it," said Inspector Grinter.

"The shotgun is the favourite
weapon, usually sawn off because it
is easier to carry and conceal and
can do a lot more damage if it is
used.

"I wonder where we are going
over the next few years. I would
hate to see the day when Britain's
policemen are armed as a matter of
course."

Flares riddle

A MAJOR sea search
launched after two dis-
tress flares were spotted
off the West Wales coast
was still a mystery yester-
day.

The New Quay lifeboat,
Aberystwyth inshore life-
boat and fishing vessels in
the area combed the

coastline between Aber-
ystwyth and Aberaeron
for almost four hours but
found nothing.

One theory is that holi-
daymakers may have got
into difficulties but suc-
ceeded in restarting the
engine on their boat with-
out notifying the rescue
services.