

Government Supplied Extremist Group's Guns

A New York prosecutor said yesterday that eight rifles seized recently from members of the Revolutionary Action Movement in Queens were supplied through the Defense Department's civilian marksmanship program.

Sixteen members of the Movement, a secret extremist Negro group, were arrested and accused of plotting to assassinate Roy Wilkins, executive director of the NAACP, and Whitney Young Jr., director of the National Urban League. Two of the 16 were indicted last month for conspiracy to commit murder and the other 14 for a variety of other charges including conspiracy to advocate anarchy.

Frederick J. Ludwig, acting district attorney for Queens, Queens last year from the

Minutemen, a right-wing paramilitary organization. . .

The easy availability of surplus military weapons and ammunition to gun clubs was discussed by Ludwig when he testified before the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee for an Administration bill to control the interstate shipment of guns.

He said that if the Federal Government could prevent the gun control legislation from passing, it would be in a position to open the hearing by declaring the legislation would not help control in the streets, but would only divert funds from the shell.

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FIREARMS HEARING—Sen. Thomas Dodd, left center, chairs the hearing on the mail-order firearms law. From top, Senators Philip Hart, Dodd, and Roman Hruska.



GUN LAW EXHIBIT—Sen. Edward Kennedy looks at a page from a publication advertising, among other guns, a "legal"

30-shot semi-automatic weapon for \$89.95. The exhibit was featured at the Judiciary Subcommittee hearing on mail-order arms.

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