

National Guard Receiving Rapid-Firing Army Rifle

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22 (AP)—The Army has quietly begun arming the National Guard with its newest rifle, the rapid-firing M-16, for use in both combat and in putting down civilian disturbances.

The M-16, similar to a sub-machine gun because of its automatic fire, will become the standard weapon for all National Guard and Army Reserve combat units—infantry, artillery, armor and engineers. It replaces the M-1, which dates to World War II, and the newer M-14, developed during the 1950's.

The first word that the National Guard would be issued

M-16s came this week during testimony in Kent, Ohio before the President's Commission on Campus Unrest when Adj. Gen. Sylvester Del Corso of Ohio disclosed that units in his state would receive the new rifles this fall.