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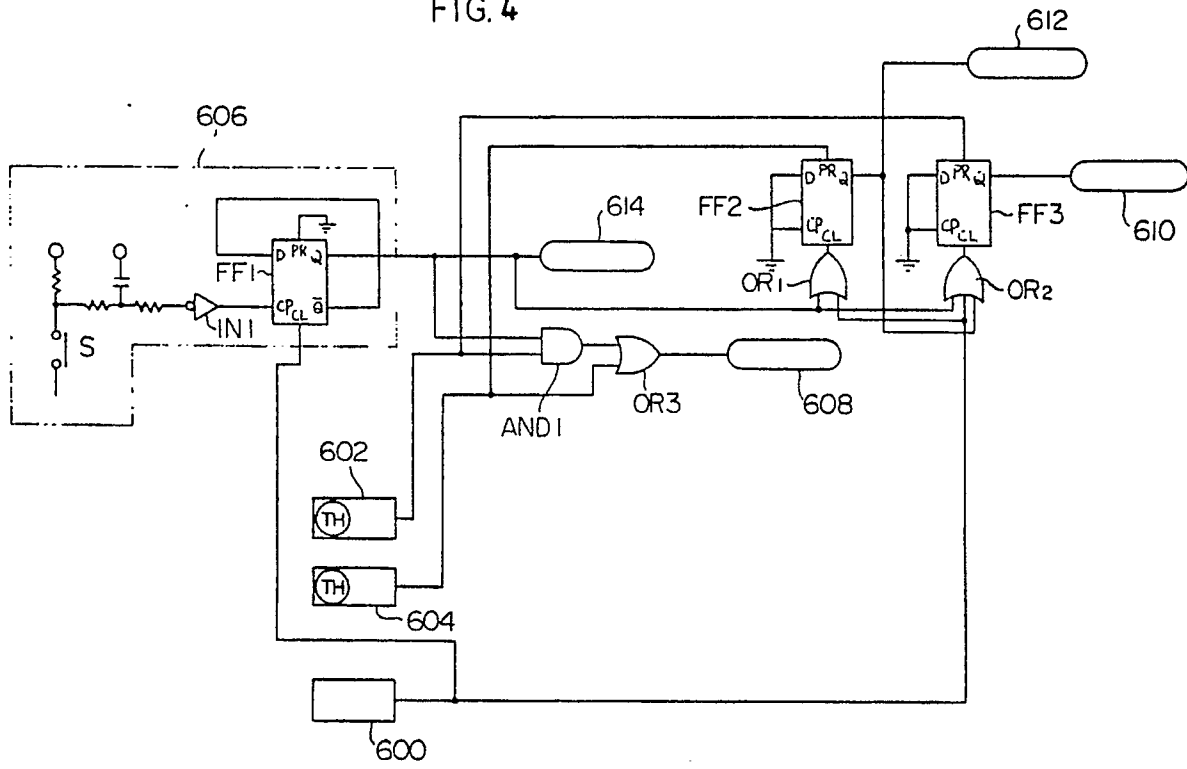
(54) **Electrostatic copying apparatus.**

(57) An electrostatic copying apparatus equipped with a heat fixing device, one of the fixing rollers being drivingly connected to a drive source and at least one of the fixing rollers including an electrical heating element. Said apparatus comprises a starting means (600) which produces a power supply closing signal when a power switch is closed, a first temperature detector (602) which detects the temperature of the fixing rollers and when the detected temperature reaches a first predetermined temperature  $T_1$ , produces a first temperature reaching signal, a second temperature detector (604) which detects the temperature of the fixing rollers and when the

detected temperature reaches a second predetermined temperature  $T_2$  suitable for fixing and higher than the first predetermined temperature  $T_1$ , produces a second temperature reaching signal, a condition setting means (606) which includes a pre-heating switch and produces either a normal condition signal or a pre-heated condition signal in response to the actuation of the pre-heating switch, a driving control means (610) for controlling the operation of the drive source (308), and a heating control means (608) for controlling the operation of the heating element (480).

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FIG. 4





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