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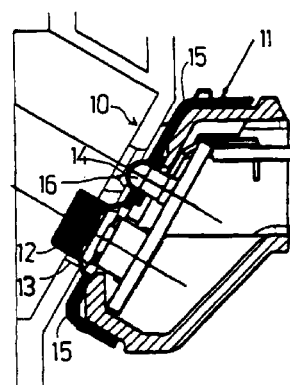
(54) **A control push-button board for an automatic machine, in particular for a drink vending machine**

(57) A control push-button board for an automatic machine, in particular for a drink vending machine of the type wherein the machine is provided with an outer container (10) wherein a push-button board (11) for controlling the machine is contained. The push-button board comprises:

- a plurality of push-buttons (12) which can be activated from the outside and which are connected to a corresponding plurality of LED diodes (14); and
- a membrane (15) made of an impermeable coating material of the push-button board, said membrane is placed between the push-button board and the container (10).

The membrane (15) is opaque and break free and forms, by the LED's (14), a plurality of dome shaped portions (16) which have a smaller thickness than the thickness of the remaining membrane portion, so as to let the light emitted by the LED's pass through to the outside.

**FIG.2**



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