



MAKING FORMAL CALL on Egyptian President Nasser before departing for Washington, U. S. Ambassador Raymond Hare (left), is given warm welcome. They discussed "Eisenhower doctrine for Mid-East" which President Nasser later openly criticized. (International Soundphoto)

### Gadget To Wipe Off Paid Parking Meter Time Under Experiment in San Francisco

San Francisco—(U.P.)—The city fathers here have come up with a diabolical scheme to outwit motorists by cramming more than 60 minutes into the hour. Lying on the desk of Chief Administrator Thomas Brooks is a plan of immediate danger to San Franciscans and future concern to every man and woman across the country who has ever sponged on a parking meter. Behind it all is a photo-electric eye called "Traffic Master."

The gadget is designed to erase those extra minutes left on the parking meter when the motorist who puts his nickel in for a full 60 minutes pulls away before the hour is up. In the first tryout in the nation, San Francisco installed 50 of the gadgets in a neighborhood shopping area for a 12-day period. Revenue from the meters jumped 37.5 per cent. Jump for Joy

The city fathers jumped too with joy. San Francisco grosses more than \$1 million a year off parking meters and the prospect of an additional \$370,000 is enough to gladden the heart of any bureaucrat. The gadget is the product of John E. Jones of Culver City, Calif. It sells for \$45 and is being distributed by George A. Jarrett, sales manager for Traffic Master Co. Jarrett has offered to install the devices at his company's expense and let the city pay for them out of the extra revenue. It works like this: When a motorist pulls into an empty parking space he covers an electric eye set about two and one-half feet from the curb. He deposits his nickel in the parking meter and goes about his business. When he returns and drives off, the eye is uncovered and the effect of light snaps up the red flag in the meter, erasing any extra time left. San Francisco authorities want to make further tests of the device, trying it out in down-town spaces and during normal shopping periods. The first trial was during the peak of holiday shopping. What does the average motorist think of it? Well, as one wrote in a letter to a newspaper: "Traffic Master indeed. They should call it Traffic Monster."

### Minister Preaches Own Funeral Rite

Johnston City, Ill. — (U.P.) — Elder Charles M. Weaver of the Primitive Baptist church here preached his own funeral sermon today. The Rev. Weaver, a minister of the Primitive or "hardshell" Baptist sect for 62 years, died Tuesday at the age of 89 after a heart attack. One of the elder's desires in recent years was to say the last words over his own body as a windup to his career. Seven years ago he made preparations for the funeral by putting a 15-minute sermon on a 12-inch record. Weaver's widow, Alice, and funeral director Roland Murman arranged to play the record at today's service. Both have heard the sermon before. Mrs. Weaver said the record is "almost as if he were preaching someone else's funeral."

Weaver started the oration without any introductory remarks and hardly mentioned himself anywhere in the sermon which runs through both sides of the record. The store earlier had filed a similar suit to determine the rightful receiver of a \$25,000 reward offered for information leading to the apprehension of the person responsible for the April 15 1955 bombing of the Meier & Frank company department store. Both the bank and store suits ask the court to determine how the reward money should be apportioned. William Clarence Peddicord, blind chemist, was convicted and sentenced to a 20-year prison term for staging the extortion plot bombing.

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### Press Ban on Ike's Swearing-in Stands

Washington — (U.P.) — White House Secretary James C. Hagerty said Wednesday he knows of "no change" in the decision to ban reporters and cameras from President Eisenhower's private inauguration Sunday. He made the statement when asked if any reconsideration was being given to the edict in view of complaints from all news media as well as from some congressmen. He said President Eisenhower "of course" has seen the complaints since some of the messages were addressed to him. He had no further comment.

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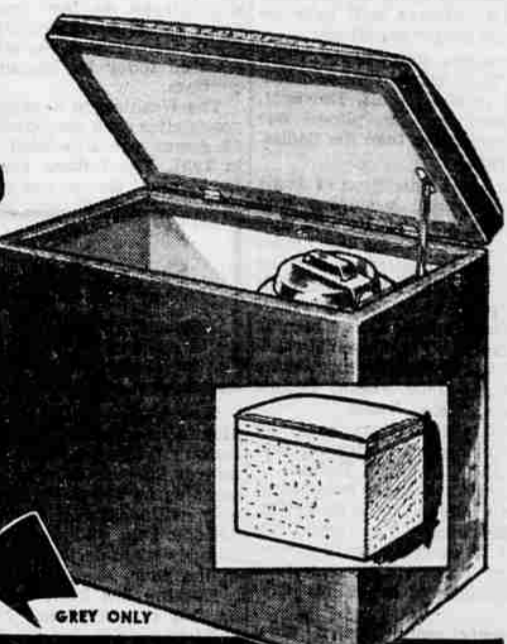
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