

De Gaulle May Fire Pinay As Finance Head

PARIS (UPI) — President Charles de Gaulle will decide today whether to fire Finance Minister

Antoine Pinay and run the risk of precipitating a grave economic and political crisis, informed sources reported.

Pinay is the architect of French economic recovery and the stock market already has reacted sharply to reports he is on his way out. Prices dropped as much as 5 per cent Monday; they began the decline Thursday when Pinay broke with government economic policies.

Pinay is engaged in a bitter struggle with Premier Michel De-

bre over what Pinay called Debre's attempts to "Sovietize" French industry. Debre is aligned with Justice Minister Edmond Michelet who has called for more socialization of French industry.

De Gaulle was expected to announce his decision at a cabinet meeting Wednesday. All indications were Pinay would be out.

There was widespread speculation that should a major crisis develop De Gaulle would fall back on a provision of the new constitution giving him the right to de-

clare a state of emergency which would give him dictatorial powers.

It was the worst political crisis in France since De Gaulle came to power a year ago and it had major implications involving NATO, the summit conference, future French military policies and continued French economic recovery.

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Kookie Suspended By Warner Bros.

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Edward (Kookie) Byrnes, 26, was suspended Monday by Warner Bros. when he refused to sign a contract offering him a wage boost from \$400 to \$750 weekly.

Byrnes, who gained attention as the hair-combing carhop in the television series "77 Sunset Strip," has been involved in a contract dispute with the studio for the past couple of months.

Howard Habegger, chief of the Monroe volunteer fire department, presented his annual report today, showing a total of six fires during the year, causing a total damage of \$5,450.

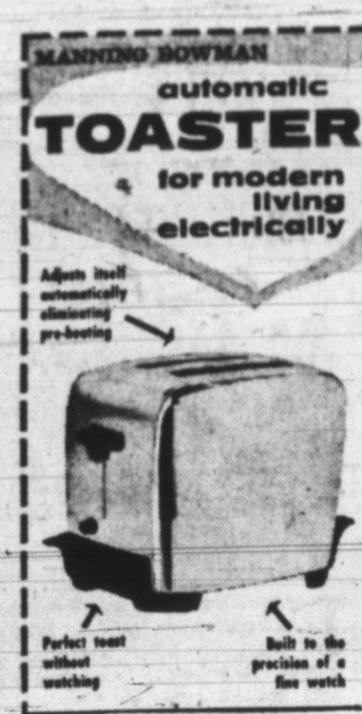
April 24, a grass fire was reported at the Bert Seesenguth farm in French township. The Roop farm in Blue Creek township was the next call June 28 with an estimated \$1,200 caused to a small barn. The corn crib, however, was saved.

At the Phil Nussbaum farm, north of Monroe on Aug. 6 the department went to an oil fire in a pit at Washington township; another grass fire Sept. 19 at the Fred Busche farm in Washington township; Oct. 11, a \$4,000 fire to the Mrs. Bertha Reah house in Washington township. The call came too late to save the house. Nov. 30, a \$250 loss was caused to the chimney of the Ester Hirsch house in Monroe.

Officers of the group are John Baltzell, president; Floyd Engle, vice president; Mel Liechty, treasurer, and Stanley Arnold, secretary. The trustees and the years remaining in office are: Brice Fisher, three; Karl Kuhn, two, and Earl Harmon, one.

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