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matter will be announced, and it will be announced in the house if the house is sitting.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Is there, within the cabinet, a shadow cabinet on this matter, too, that gives advice from outside?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Prime Minister a question supplementary to the one put by the Leader of the Opposition. The Prime Minister indicated that the government's position on the admission of communist China to the UN was made clear. Then in the last part of his answer he indicated that the government's intention on this matter will be announced. Would the Prime Minister indicate why, if the government's position on the matter has already been made clear, it should be necessary to announce a change in the attitude of the government?

LABOUR RELATIONS**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION TO PROTECT PICKETING RIGHTS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that some workers have been imprisoned as the result of a dispute between Tilco Plastics Ltd., Peterborough, and its employees, I want to ask the Prime Minister whether he is prepared to introduce legislation which will guarantee to the workers of this country the basic rights of peaceful picketing and lawful assembly.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): That is a very important question, Mr. Speaker, of far reaching significance and I am sure my hon. friend would not expect me to answer it on the orders of the day. The issue which has arisen and the form in which it has arisen has been discussed by the Minister of Labour and myself, and we will be continuing to discuss it in the light of developments.

[*Translation*]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**REQUEST FOR ROYAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE ORGANIZED CRIME**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice. I would like to know whether he has

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received a request from the new Quebec minister of justice for a fight against organized crime?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Justice): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the hon. Minister of Justice.

Following the publication of the last annual report of the Ontario Police Commission which recognizes the existence of an organized crime union in Ontario, Quebec and elsewhere in Canada, is the hon. minister giving more definite consideration to the establishment of a royal commission on organized crime in co-operation with the provinces?

Mr. Cardin: Mr. Speaker, this question concerns the Solicitor General.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS**SALARY INCREASES FOR CLASS B EMPLOYEES**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. M. Brand (Saskatoon): Mr. Speaker, I had a question for the government house leader but in his absence perhaps I could direct it to the Prime Minister. In view of the announcement that pay raises will soon be given to 48,000 class B civil service employees, I wonder if the government could indicate whether measures are being taken to ensure that House of Commons employees who fall in this classification will receive their raises prior to the recess of this house.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): I cannot answer that question, Mr. Speaker, because I do not know when the house will recess.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**VIET NAM—REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF VISIT BY MR. RONNING**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the fact that during the last few days numerous reports have been coming from United States sources, one of them being Mr. George Ball, under secretary of state, concerning the details of Mr. Ronning's recent visit to Viet Nam, can the Secretary of State for External Affairs enlighten the members of the house in some detail concerning exactly what did take place during Mr. Ronning's recent visit to Hanoi?