

WILL NEED APPRAISERS

To the Editor of The Star.

Sir: Ever since hearing a speaker in our church at Georgetown on Japanese Canadian affairs, I have followed this matter with deep concern and supported the good efforts of the co-operative committee on Japanese Canadians to prevent the deportation of large numbers of our fellow citizens. It was therefore with interest that I read your editorial on Japanese Canadian properties in the Nov. 17 issue of The Star. I am pleased to learn upon inquiry that the co-operative committee is again giving assistance to Japanese Canadian claimants. The central problem, even within the inadequate terms of reference of the commission, is to establish the "fair market value" of real and personal properties. To overcome the problems which you have outlined in your editorial the claimants will require the assistance of expert appraisers who are conversant with property and business values. These appraisers, in my view, will still be helpful, even subsequent to the opening of hearings on Dec. 3, and it is hoped that some arrangement can be made through the co-operative committee to have their services available to claimants.

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