Measure Canadian seeks freedom to weigh choices

To the editor of The Herald: As chairman of Measure Canadian, a group founded in Eastern Ontario three weeks ago to fight forced use of metric in Canada, I would appreciate the opportunity of apprising your readers of Measure Canadian's goals and ways which they, as individual Canadians, can help us in this

Measure Canadian's ultimate goal is to achieve freedom of choice for all Canadians in the use of measurement systems. To achieve this goal, we have developed a nine-point program that includes such things as concentrating our lobbying efforts at

the provincial government level; lobbying media and advertisers to use Canadian measurements and initiating legal challenges to the metric

To assist us in our efforts, we would urge concerned Canadians to contact their provincial MLA, ask him his stand on forced use of metric and what, if anything, he is prepared to do about it.

Measure Canadian believes that our best chance, over the short term, of stopping this erosion of our freedom lies at the provincial level. Canada wouldn't be in this present situation if provincial governments hadn't gone along with

Conversion annoys public

Most Canadian shoppers oppose the conversion of foodstore weights and prices to metric, according to a confidential government poll. Conservative MP Bitl Domm of Peterborough released results of the Metric Commission poll Friday, indicating that 48 per cent of shoppers across Canada oppose the government's conversion program, compared to 36 per cent who support it and 14 per cent who remain neutral. Disapproval is strongest in the Atlantic provinces, where 50 per cent oppose it and 24 per cent support it. In Ontario, the poll says, 54 per cent oppose conversion and 33 per cent agree with it.

conversion by force. It is not too late, because provincial governments still have the power to effectively "neutralize" forced metric laws within

their individual provinces. Some of the things provincial governments could do are as follows: issue a public statement calling on the federal

It's the last major step in metric conversion directly affecting consumers - after adoption of centimetres (cm), metres (m) and kilometres (km) for length; litres (L) for volume, and degrees Calsius for temperatures. How familiar are you with the new units? Here's a fun

Litres are to gallons as (a) Inches ere to degrace Celsius? (b) Kilometres are to miles? (c) Ounces are to

continuetres? 2. Gertie Greenthumb's favorite plant was a foot tall last month. Now it's 45 cm. (a) It's wilting..needs tender, loving care? (b) It's prown about 50 per cent?

quiz to help you test yourself. Look out for trick questions! (Answers are at the end of the column.) (c) Quick! It's going through the ceiling? 3. How many stores ac-

> (c) 50 000? customers' needs, some of

ross Canada are affected by

the change to metric sca-

les? (a) 35 000? (b) 10 000?

Canada's exports are al-

program voluntary; pass legialation to make it illegal to advertise or post metric measurements without their Canadian (Imperial) equivalents: remove metric from all provincial statutes, thereby doing such things as reverting ail speed limits to mph; if possible, opt out of metric under the opting-out provisions

of the new Constitution. Provincial politicians have tried to "slough off" metric as a federal matter, but as you can see, that's just another convenient dodge. Get after your MPP, and make him stand up and be counted. Measure Canadian was

ready sold in metric units. What proportion? (a) 5 per cent? (b) 7.664 per cent? (c) About half?

meet provides everage portions for a family of five? (a) 500 g? (b) 5 kg? (c) 25 g? 6. Turkeya cost a dollar a pound at Christmas. Now it's \$2.20/kg. Has the price (a) Gone up? (b) Gone

5. How much ground

down? (c) Just about unchanged?

ANSWERS

founded by a group of small businessmen, a retired newspaper editor, an MPP and a number of municipal politicians. All of these people are respected members of their

communities, but above all, they are Canadians who love this country and are deeply concerned about our gradual loss of freedoms, symbolized (so vividly) by forced use of

ors Rick Moranis and Dave

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recording artists. Following

If you, too, care and would like to get involved with our organization or receive additional information, please write or call Measure Cana-

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Doug's hit album on Anthem

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dian's national beadquarters' office at 73 John St., Brockville, Ontario, or phone (613) Yours truly, Steve Yeldon, Chairman Measure Canadian

BOB - Okay, I have a

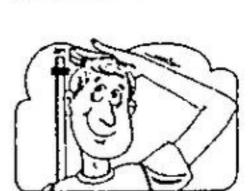
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topic ... so like, a lot of people

Mackenzies size up metric

Two Canadians who have no qualms about metrication are Bob and Doug Mackenzie, beer-addled residents of Second City Television's

"Great White North" and thanks to some canny show business footwork by their real-life counterparts - act-



Athlete Joe Jock is 2 m. tall. Is he (a) A jockey? (b) A basketball star? (c) Average height in the

1, (b); 2, (b); 3, (a); 4, (c); 5, (a); 6, (c); 7, (b).



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Conversion of retail food store scales from pounds and bunces to grams and kilograms (g and kg) is underway and stores everywhere in Canada will be weighing food exclusively in metric by the end of 1983.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

INTERIM REPORTS

This is to Inform parents that the interim reports for the first semester will be handed to the students on Wednesday, April 7th, 1982.

The report is intended to provide the student and parents with a fair indication of achievement, attendance, and effort, which has been observed during the first part of the semester.

The report should provide a basis for useful discussion between parents and teachers. To this end, a Parents' Night has been scheduled for Monday, April 19th, 1982 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



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