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"Our country, oft used and abused, needs friends and devotion."

—D. A. Stamler, Lakeland

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'Government-People Relations Bad'

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Miller Newton, an associated professor at South Florida University in Tampa and an unannounced candidate for one of three new U.S. Congressional seats expected from state reapportionment, said Thursday night American government was no longer "of the people, by the people, nor for the people."

Newton, who is also a Methodist minister, spoke to the Polk County Young Democrats Club during its first general session for 1972.

"Our critical problem in government," Newton said, "is people relationship. There is an alarming growth of remoteness by governments, federal, state

and local, from the people who elected them."

Newton expressed concern about "representatives rub noses with us, listen to us, and then when sent off to represent us, we never hear from him until he returns to tell us what he is doing for us."

He suggested elected officials need to get with voters every few weeks and explain during informal settings "how I am planning to vote on certain issues and why, and then spend as much time as necessary listening to the grass roots people. The vote in Congress, or any level of government, should then reflect what happened at that informal meeting.



MILLER NEWTON
... addresses Demos.

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