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Miller Newton, Democratic candidate for the 5th Congressional District, last night told the Pinellas County Democrat Executive Committee a combination of railroad cars and buses could solve Florida's transportation needs rapidly and inexpensively.

"The use of rails and buses is ideal for the Suncoast since a main rail line runs from Elfers (near New Port Richey) through suburban and downtown areas in most communities in north Pinellas terminating in downtown St. Petersburg," Newton said. "Also the rail lines in Seminole and Orange counties are equally well-placed for commuter use."

He said the expensive plans of Pinellas commissioners caused him to question their motivation.

"They seem to be more interested in creating a system that will cost a fortune in equipment and right of ways," he said. "It looks like they are creating a new pork barrel. My proposal will get us into modern public transportation within six months at a fraction of the cost and with a minimum of harm to homes and businesses in the area."

Newton called for attention

to the design of commuter cars and buses to make them "attractive and fun to ride." He also suggested Small Business Association loans to individuals to set up jitney transportation for special needs.

He concluded he is prepared to support federal funding for improvement of track beds, addition of safety devices, construction of commuter stations and parking facilities, acquisition of commuter cars and buses and promotional funds.

Jack Insko, Republican candidate for the District 5 seat in the U.S. Congress, told the Clearwater Republican Club he feels draft dodgers should serve their time in the service just like anyone else.

"Thousands of our young men have given of themselves to serve their nation," he said. "Why then should we make exceptions for a few?"

"It is difficult for me to understand how or why we allow such people as Jane Fonda to roam the nation preaching pure treason," Insko continued. "The fact Miss Fonda has made a few X-rated movies does not in any way entitle her to become the self-

appointed guardian of our national policies and standards. One who appears on the screen nude should have little to say about our country's moral standards.

"If I were in Congress today, I would charge Miss Fonda with treason," he added.

Insko suggested Sen. George McGovern's actions in sending Ramsey Clark to North Vietnam could easily hinder our negotiations with Hanoi.

"Why should America have to crawl on its hands and knees to anyone?" Insko asked. "It is obvious the McGovern policies would bring disgrace to our nation. I would suggest after the November election, if Mr. Clark is looking for work, he would more likely make an excellent attorney general for North Vietnam."

Insko said the nomination of Pinellas County Commission Chairman Charles Rainey to the congressional seat would give Gov. Reubin Askew the chance to appoint a Democrat to the commission.

"Let's not give Gov. Askew this opportunity," Insko told the partisan group. "Let's keep a Republican county chairman in Pinellas County."

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