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Mostly about People

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The Dead Copter Pilot And You

A full page photo in this week's Life magazine depicts with grizzly reality an American helicopter pilot in the act of dying in Viet Nam, his body ripped by several bullets from Viet Cong Communist guns.

Would you call his death corny?

Then I do not consider it corny to say, with conviction, that if you do not vote in the Cabrillo bond election Tuesday, Lt. James Magel will have died in vain.

It is that cut and dried.

Lt. Magel probably never heard of Cabrillo college. Probably none of you ever heard of Lt. Magel.

Our leaders in Washington, correctly or no, have reasoned that if we do not keep our finger in the South Viet Nam dyke, those bullets that marched across Lt. Magel's body might someday march across the sea and into you and me or our kids.

He was killed protecting a governmental system that has been good, but its continued nourishment must come from you.

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How you vote Tuesday is up to you.

Lt. Magel could have left his mission up to someone else. You could take the same attitude Tuesday.

He was one body in a bloody campaign. You are one voter in a democratic system. The lack of participation can weaken the whole. The point is that all of us who are responsible Americans are trying to maintain a way of life that has been good, despite all its faults.

It is a struggle. It takes work. The lieutenant's work is over. Yours must still continue.

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I am also convinced that the bond election for three new buildings (social science, physics and technology, and lecture halls) should pass. And a two-thirds majority is needed.

It should pass not merely because it will not affect the tax rate (the tax drop from the original 1960 bond issue, plus curtailment in community service tax, will make up the saving) but because education is so important to Americans.

In Cabrillo college we have a taste of "The Great Society." Two years of free education for anyone who wishes to better themselves.

Small classes, headed by instructors, all with at least mas-

ters degrees and many from major colleges and universities.

We have an institution where ideas can flow, where 50 per cent of those who finish Cabrillo go on to higher institutions of learning. Others are learning vocational trades.

More than 60,000 citizens in the county used Cabrillo last year for meetings, lectures, theater, and recreation.

Full-time enrollment next fall will be 2200, about 300 short of present campus capacity.

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Cabrillo has brought us speakers like Eric Fromm, Eleanor Roosevelt, Margaret Mead, Harrison Salisbury, Carlos Romulo; free adult education used by some 800 persons taking some 30 courses.

It has opened its marvelous library to the public for student and reference work. It has opened its swimming pools and stadium to the youth, its meeting rooms to a wide variety of organizations.

A tentative list of lecturers for the new series include Henry Commager, historian; Bruno Bettlheim, University of Chicago expert on pre-school learning; Max Lerner, New York Post; Ashley Montague, Princeton sociologist; Carry McWilliams, editor of the Nation, and Hans Morgenthau, expert on American foreign policy.

I believe that Cabrillo College is a link in a chain of educational steps across the nation that will earn our people an even higher standard of living and peace of mind, and security.

Lt. Magel died on a continent where most people die before they reach 40, where ignorance has kept them oppressed and hungry.

He went thousands of miles from his home to make our lot a better one.

You've only a few blocks to go next Tuesday.

City Issues Build In Week Totaling

Thirty-three permits for construction valued at \$561,414 were issued during the week of April 7-13 by the city building inspection department.

A city schools permit for \$407,000 made up the bulk of the sum. The school project comprises three new buildings at Santa Cruz High school.

A \$40,945 permit was issued to N. C. Lundgren for a four-unit apartment at 315 Sumner