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# DA Plot Probe Dismissed by Brazil Editor

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Dr. Juan S. Valmaggia, Argentine newspaper editor who will receive the 1966 Theodore Brent Inter-American Award presented by International House, said his country places little stock in District Attorney Jim Garrison's investigation of

the death of President John F. Kennedy.

In a press conference, Dr. Valmaggia said the probe is regarded in his country as "adventure novel . . . fiction."

On other matters, he said his country will be seriously affected by congressional cutback of

appropriations for the Alliance for Progress.

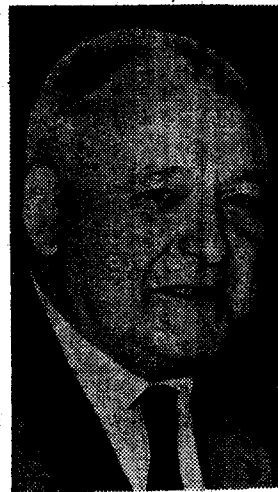
THE COUNTRY will not be able to finance construction of highways and maintenance of electrical plants, he said.

He said the press in Argentina enjoys complete freedom from governmental interference. He is director of "La Nacion," a leading newspaper in Buenos Aires, the one non-English paper not closed down under the dictatorship of Peron.

Some 150 newspapers were forced to close under the dictatorship, and those still in print were limited to six pages and their daily circulation was cut 40 per cent, he said.

HE SAID there is divided sentiment in Argentina about American involvement in the Vietnam war. He said the press reports all U.S. reactions and statements about the war.

Dr. Valmaggia was chosen to receive the Brent award for his outstanding service toward bet-



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DR. JUAN S. VALMAGGIA

ter social, educational, cultural, political and economic understanding and cooperation between the nations of the Western Hemisphere.

Dr. Valmaggia has also been active in the Pan-American Press Seminar programs of International House.

The award will be presented at a dinner at IH at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

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