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Mark Lane Speaks at ECSU

Under tight security after off-campus threats of disruption, controversial attorney Mark Lane spoke Thursday night in Moore Hall on the ECSU campus. His two-hour speech was a defense of his client James Earl Ray who has been convicted of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lane recently was in the national spotlight when he

testified before a Congressional committee last summer that was investigating the assassination of President Kennedy and Dr. King. As Ray's lawyer, Lane is demanding a new trial based on what he calls new evidence that Ray was innocent of the murder and that the assassination was a conspiracy by the FBI.

Ray was sentenced to 99 years for the murder of Dr.

King after confessing to the crime. But Ray now claims that he did not confess of his own free will. He further asserts that he was "used by the FBI, moved around the country, paid substantial sums of money and directed to buy a rifle and report to Memphis on April 4, 1968."

According to Lane, a witness who saw the real assassin has now been

located and is ready to testify were there a new trial.

Lane also is outspoken about the Kennedy

assassination. His book, **Rush to Judgement**, attacks the government's handling of the Kennedy investigation.



Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee

Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee at ECSU

Nationally known black film and television actor and director Ossie Davis and his wife actress Ruby Dee appeared on stage on the ECSU campus February 13 as part of the observance of Black History Month.

Davis, a native Georgian, has directed such Broadway plays as "A Raisin in the

Sun," "Green Pastures," and "Purlie Victorious."

His television credits included roles in "Bonanza," "Name of the Game," and "Hawaii Five-O." Davis directed several movies such as "Cotton Comes to Harlem," "Black Girl," and "Harvest."

Davis's most recent

television credits include "ROOTS: The Next Generation." Ruby Dee also performs in the new sequel to ROOTS.

Ruby Dee is perhaps best remembered for her roles in her husband's plays, "Purlie Victorious," "A Raisin in the Sun," and for her performance in "Buck and the Preacher."



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