\$175,000 Said Offered For Ray Story Film Rights By HAL COOPER if he didn't," the Tenness

Foreman, the lawyer who advised James Earl Ray to plead bunch of . for the movie rights to the sto- help Ray's case. ry.

tress Sophia Loren, to William phis, where the murder Bradford Huie, Ray's official bi-curred, is in Shelby County. ographer.

"AND I'LL get 60 per cent of with his activities across the it," Foreman said in an inter- country" and added: view in his New York hotel.

In addition to the flat fee, Huie's series of articles on that." Ray's life, and that he was enti-I tied to 60 per cent of that also.

THE ATTORNEY said that his 60 per cent share of the movie, book and magazine rights might total \$400,000 or so, but that he would take only the \$150,000 agreed upon with Ray.

Foreman said he would put anything above that figure into trust for Ray's family.

"I didn't fix the fee, he (Ray) fixed it," Foreman said.

HE SAID he advised Ray to plead guilty "because I believed he would be electrocuted if he didn't."

Ray was given a sentence of 99 years in the Tennessee state penitentiary. He has since signified his intention of asking a rehearing at which he could withdraw his guilty plea and elect to stand trial by jury.

Ray's brother, Jerry, was quoted by the Nashville Tennessean yesterday as saying that the accused slayer was placed under financial pressure by Foreman to plead guilty and take a prison sentence.

"FOREMAN SAID he would take \$150,000 if my brother pleaded guilty, but he wanted everything he would ever earn

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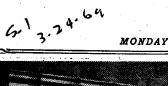
guilty to the Martin Luther King In Savannah, Ga., Ray's lat-Jr., assassination, said today an est lawyer, J.B. Stoner, said his offer of \$175,000 has been made Ku Klux Klan connections would

"THEY SHOW I'm a loyal Foreman said the offer was white man and the white people made by Carlo Ponti, film pro- of Shelby County are for white ducer and husband of Italian ac- supremacy," Stoner said. Mem-Stoner asserted that King

brought about his own death

"He was a troublemaker."

Commented Robert B. James. Ponti would pay 13 per cent of chairman of the Memphis City the gross receipts of the movie. Council: "He's just making a lot Foreman, of Houston, Tex., of trouble that we don't need. said Look magazine had guar-He's certainly not welcome anteed another \$85,000 for around here when he talks like





PRISON VISIT-Attorney J. B. STONER whispers to guard J. W. CHILTON after Stoner's visit with James Earl Ray in the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville Saturday. Ray, who has pleaded guilty to assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has retained Stoner to represent him in some planned civil lawsuits.