

KENYA-ETHIOPIA DEFENCE PACT RATIFIED

CURB ON SOMALI AMBITIONS

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Kenya and Ethiopia today completed arrangements for the mutual defence pact whereby either country undertakes to come to the aid of the other if it is attacked by a third party. The agreement was signed in Addis Ababa in July, but ratification could not take place until Kenya became independent and took over control of its foreign affairs from Britain. A Kenya Government statement said the agreement was ratified by both Governments today.

The pact, which was first announced by Mr. Kenyatta, the Kenya Prime Minister, in the presence of the Somali Foreign Minister, Abdullahi Issa, during one of his recent visits to Nairobi, is obviously directed at the containment of Somalia's expansionist ambitions, which envisage the annexation of Ethiopia's Ogaden region as well as Kenya's Northern Frontier District.

ANOTHER RAID

Meanwhile, the Somali raiders have replied to Mr. Kenyatta's declaration of an emergency in the North-Eastern Region of Kenya with yet another raid. Late yesterday, a band of 20, armed with rifles and two Sten guns, attacked a lonely police post at El Roba near Mandera, where the Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia borders meet. They fired 200 rounds into the post from about 100 yards, killing two Kenya police camels and injuring two more. The police returned the fire with Bren guns and rifles, and after 40 minutes the raiders made off.

Seven hundred Mau Mau marched out of the forest behind a "field marshal" today in the biggest mass surrender so far under Mr. Kenyatta's independence amnesty for "forest fighters". They marched to a reception planned for them at Meru, 115 miles from Nairobi, and laid home-made guns, pistols and ammunition at the feet of Government Ministers who greeted them.

"Field Marshal" Paimungi, who is believed to be the last of the Mau Mau leaders, said: "I have come out as a Kenya citizen and not as a murderer. We must love each other."