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Federal Council has arranged for a conference of the cantonal authorities concerned to be held. This body will study the political, financial and technical aspects of the problem.

Switzerland's Foreign Trade in October, 1952.

Total Swiss imports during the month of October amounted to 413.6 million francs, 27.7 million francs more than in September. At the same time exports increased by 52.3 million francs, reaching the level of 460.3 million francs in October 1952. Switzerland's foreign trade thus showed an active balance of not less than 46.7 million francs during the last month.

A 100 Million Bank Loan for France.

A Swiss banking syndicate has granted France a discount credit of 100 million Swiss francs. This bank loan which is made available to France within the framework of the European Payments Union, will be repaid in three instalments due after the expiration of two, three and four years.

LONDON-GENEVA IN 90 MINUTES.

The record for the best flying-time between London and Geneva was set up a few days ago by a Swissair Convair Liner. The aircraft reached Geneva in 90 minutes from take-off in London at 11.18 Swiss time to touching down in Geneva at 12.51. This means that the 498 miles were covered in approximately the time taken by the London-Rugby express.

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