

MARSHALL AID NOT CHARITY - Bevin.

At the Quay D'Orsay (French Foreign Office) ~~delegates of~~
16 European Nations agreed ~~to~~ a statement of their requirements
under General Marshall's offer of help. Ernest Bevin
presided and, welcome figure at the conference, was ~~the~~
~~British~~ Mr. Devalera. It ~~was~~ stressed from
the chair that the Marshall Offer is not charity, but aid ^{to}
~~the~~ war-wrecked Europe ~~from~~ economic collapse ^{• w}
~~that~~ would drag down the whole world.

Foreign Minister Count Sforza signed for Italy, and soon
the document bore the signatures of representatives of
all sixteen nations. The absence of Russia and her
satellites was regretted. M. Teitgen, French acting Foreign
Minister seemed uncertain. Just put a cross.

The report was afterwards flown to Mr. Marshall by a King's
Messenger. It only remains for long-suffering America
to cough up.