

BARUCH AID TO HEALTH

Research In Physical Medicine Backed By \$1,100,000.

Grants Are Made to the Nation's Leading Medical Schools for Study of New Treatments.

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New York. April 26.-- Bernard M. Baruch today gave \$1,100,000 to extend the oldest branch of the healing arts, physical medicine, which started among cave men with the 'laying on of hands'.

Simultaneously the Baruch committee on physical medicine, headed by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University, recommended a nation-wide scientific boost of this art, particularly for returning soldiers.

The committee defined physical medicine as use of light, heat, water, cold, electricity, massage, manipulation, exercise, spas, climatology and hydrology, the latter specializing in baths, sprays, and the like.

"I am convinced," Baruch said, "that returning men and women now in the armed services will need the advantages of physical medicine, and I feel this program will help restore discharged soldiers to normal physical and mental condition. My interest has been heightened by my desire to do something for the 700,000 returning soldiers--men and women--every month. I want to do that something now, before I get older.

Will Give More Money.

The financial and presidential adviser said that if the program worked out "I am prepared to put most of my fortune into it--I believe in it."

The Wilbur committee, which was financed by Baruch, suggested special investigation should be made of the value of personal contact between physician and patient, including investigation of the psychic effect of the 'laying on of hands'.