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What more compelling evidence could there be for the need of International Women's Year than the thousands of millions of pounds the national governments propose to spend on armaments in 1975? Even the British Labour Government alone is to spend 3700 million pounds! When things have gone so wrong with world relationships as they have at present, surely those who have borne the burden of decision-making would positively want others to share the responsibility and take a look at the situation through fresh eyes.

Let us admit that women are not as experienced in world leadership as men are, but they do look at the world with different eyes. Men excel in some skills in which women have less or no aptitude at all. In other spheres women are traditionally supposed to have no aptitude, and in consequence, they have never succeeded in getting themselves adequately trained to function. With such acquired skills added to the intuitive qualities fairly general in women--sympathy, imaginative understanding of human reaction, down-to-earth assessment of what really matters for living--they could make a positive contribution toward a peaceful world.

The least we can hope from International Women's Year is the elimination of the most blatant discriminations against women--in law, in economic parity and independence, and in equality of opportunity for training and promotion. The day has yet to dawn when the average man will cease to undervalue characteristics in women which differ from his own. That will be the end of "second-class citizens!" There will be no more need for International Women's Year.

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