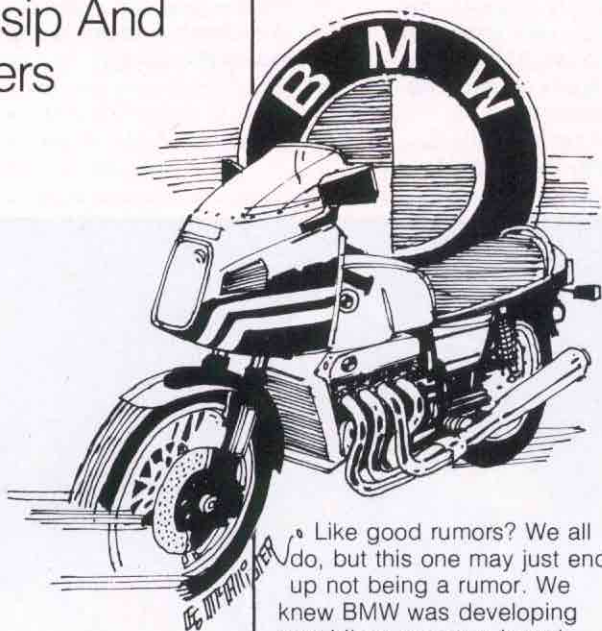


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### An In-Line Four?



Like good rumors? We all do, but this one may just end up not being a rumor. We knew BMW was developing new bikes, we even heard they would be V-twins or V-4s, would be water-cooled, shaft drive, etc. Now we hear they will be **in-line fours**.

Just like Honda, Yamaha, Suzuki and Kawasaki. That ain't no big deal, until you hear they will be set in the bike running lengthwise! By that we mean the cylinders will run **in line** from the front to the rear — not transverse like the Japanese bikes all do. Many years ago a number of old bikes mounted the engines this way. Indians for one. The torque reaction should be awesome.