

BIKE PARKS ARE DUTCH HEADACHE.

Amsterdam is a paradise for cyclists, mainly because there are no hills to climb. Six hundred thousand people out of a population of just under a million own bicycles. As the number is growing, parking space is beginning to run short. It's just as well that that number of people don't have cars, but it's quite a problem.

Late comers are dismayed to see the sign "Full Up". The latest development is an all out Police offensive. As there's been a wave of bike-stealing the man in blue has orders to take any machine left unattended, or abandoned. No doubt that's a nuisance to the owner, but it's much better than having his bike stolen.

The unsuspecting rider leaves the machine and, hey presto, it's gone.

In the first few days of the police campaign, before people got wise to what was going on, the law had a tremendous harvest. In a very short time they'd picked up nearly three thousand machines and they were still pouring in, all kinds of bikes, junked ones included. All you have to do to reclaim your bike is to point out which one it is, looks easy, doesn't it? Pity the poor cyclist. You can't take a bike everywhere, can you?