Activists occupy construction site at Wyhl (February 1975)

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Activists occupy a construction site at Wyhl. (Photograph by Leo Horlacher. © 1975 Leo Horlacher. Courtesy of Archiv Soziale Bewegungen.)

On the morning of 18 February 1975, some 300 local people—most of them middle-aged farmers and vintners—made their way to a clearing in the woods outside the Badensian village of Wyhl. Construction had just gotten underway on a massive nuclear reactor at this secluded site; the uninvited visitors quickly stopped the work. Within an hour, “every machine [on the site] was shut down.” By evening, tents and trailers dotted the site, and protesters traded stories around a roaring campfire. A full-fledged occupation was underway.

—Stephen Milder

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