WHO IS FREE TO PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION?

MINORITY RELIGIONS HAVE BEEN SUPPRESSED

Fifth-grader **Charlotte Gabrielli** was suspended from her Sacramento elementary school in 1936 for refusing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. She was obeying her Jehovah's Witness parents, who believed that saluting the flag was idolatry. Prejudice against Jehovah's Witnesses led to the suspension and expulsion of many students around the state, and vigilantes attacked their meetings. But in 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that students could not be forced to recite the Pledge if it violated their religious beliefs.





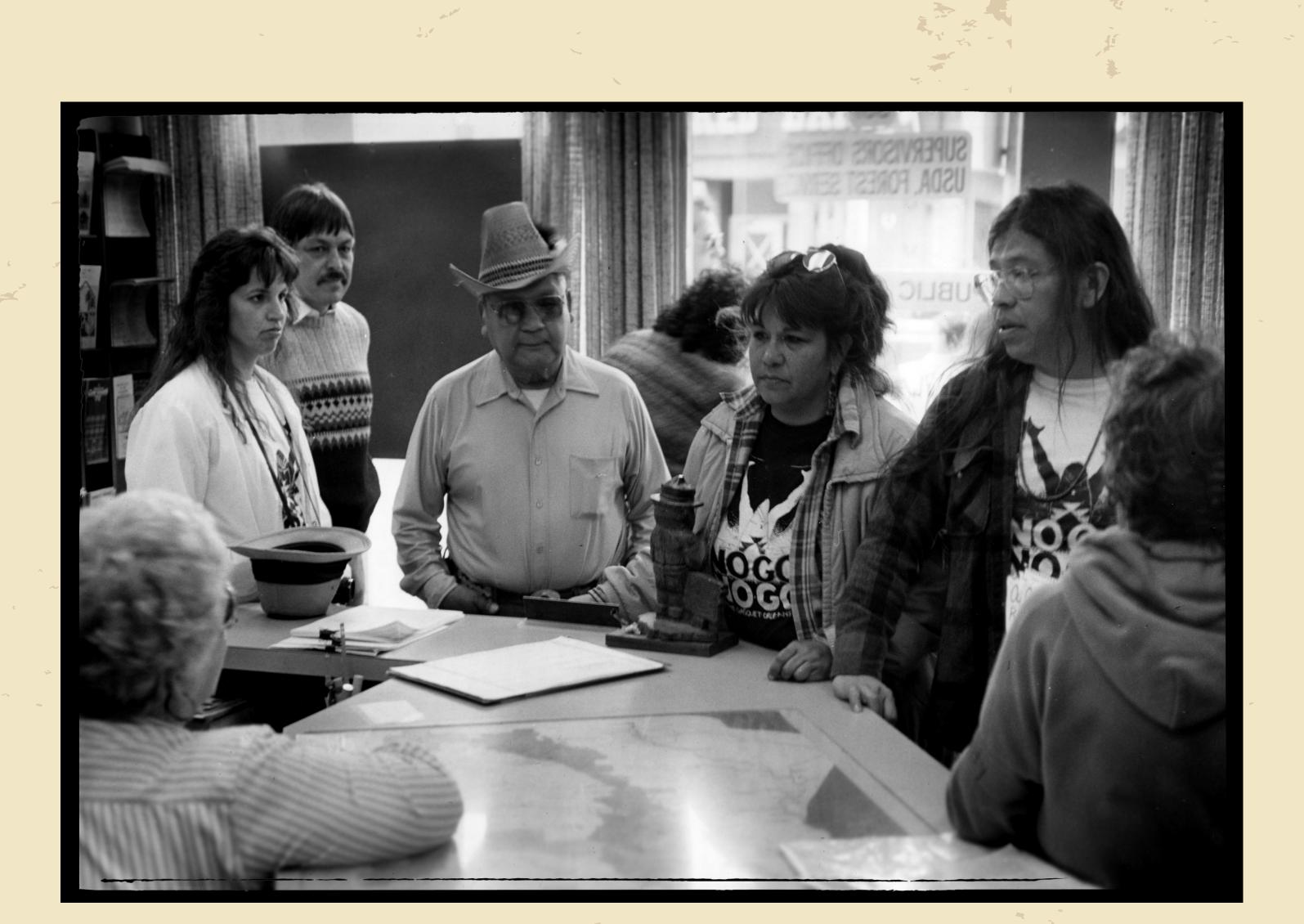
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FORCE CITIZENS
TO CONFESS BY WORDS OR ACT

- UNITED STATES
SUPREME COURT, 1943

THEIR FAITH THEREIN.



After the U.S. Forest Service proposed building a logging road through land sacred

protested. But in 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected their argument that the

road would violate their religious freedom rights. Congress passed an environmental

to the tribes of the Klamath River area, Yurok, Tolowa, and Karuk leaders

law in 1990 barring the logging road. The sacred land was rescued.

LOGGING ROAD OPPONENTS PROTEST AT THE FOREST
SERVICE OFFICE IN EUREKA TO SAVE LAND SACRED TO THEIR
TRIBES FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS.

Charlotte Gabrielli: Courtesy of the California Historical Society

Logging opponents: Courtesy of Heyday Institute, Photographer Lee Brumbaugh