

Ervin Meets His Fan Club

Washington

Two founders of the Sam Ervin Fan Club met their hero yesterday and came away with a special souvenir—an autographed copy of the Constitution.

Rob Caughlan and David Oke, two of the eight Californians who started the non-profit "Uncle Sam Fan Club" on July 4, traveled to the capital this week to do some sightseeing and sit in on the Watergate hearings.

The two fans brought an ample supply of Sam Ervin buttons, T-shirts and membership cards from their headquarters at Stanford to give away at the capitol.

Their souvenirs were quickly grabbed by sightseers and capitol workers.

The highlight of their trip was an audience with Ervin during a lunch break in the hearing.

"They were sharp articulate guys," said Hall Smith, Ervin's press secretary, who set up the meeting. "But when they got in with the senator they were just tongue-tied."

Ervin, who keeps copies of the Constitution in his office just for such purposes, autographed eight copies for the founders of the club with the inscription: "The Constitution is America's most precious possession."

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