

Antigua set for self-rule next year

ANTIGUA, Fri. — Antigua will become the smallest independent state in the Caribbean sea before the end of next year, Antiguan Prime Minister George Walters said.

In a talk broadcast by Radio Antilles from the British colony of Montserrat, he criticised Britain for making the colony of Antigua an associated state of Britain in 1967.

When he recently visited the Middle East, France, West Germany and the United States, none of the foreign officials he talked with understood what an associated state was, he complained.

The island of Antigua covers 170 square miles and has a population of 70,000.