

WEBSTER SEES BRITISH TROOP PULLOUT SOON

Anguilla Eyes Neighbors' Aid

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Ronald Webster, the deposed self-styled president of Anguilla, says that Anguilla will welcome assistance from its Caribbean neighbors for a solution of its problems.

Webster also predicted in an International Airport interview that British troops who landed in Anguilla on March 19 will be leaving soon, possibly in a few days.

Asked if he thought British troops would be out by the

end of the year, Webster said, "Oh yes, maybe in a matter of a few days."

He said this was an "indication... from the British."

At another point in the interview, Webster said the troops "will be leaving there soon."

Webster was accompanied by Jeremian Gumbs of Perth Amboy, N.J., who has been active in the Anguillian cause. Webster was en route to Washington to deliver a lecture at Howard University.

Asked about London's holding a conference of Caribbean governments to consider a solution to Anguilla's problems, Webster said:

"We are appealing to them to assist us. What happens

in Anguilla should be a Caribbean problem... it has nothing to do with London."

Webster said he does not think

Ferre Promise Press More Information

Gov. Ferre has promised reporters assigned to La Fortaleza that they will henceforth be kept regularly informed regarding his meetings with members of the cabinet and others visitors.

Ferre told his aides that from now on, all visitors would be asked to meet with members of the press after their meetings with the Governor.

Reporters at La Fortaleza had been complaining for some time

Anguilla will be an independent republic, but said it is should be "independent within the British Commonwealth."

that persons visiting the Governor were being permitted to leave without informing the press about the reasons for their visit.

The reporters said that in the past, the practice had been to have the press interview all persons who visited the Governor.

Ferre expressed surprise that many of his visitors were not meeting with reporters and promised the situation would be corrected.

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