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Sparg guilty of treason

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JOHANNESBURG. — Marion Monica Sparg has been found guilty in the Rand Supreme Court of treason, two counts of arson and one of attempted arson. She had pleaded guilty to all the charges.

Sparg, 23, address given as Emberton Court, Hillbrow, wore a black suit and a green shirt in court today.

Members of her family sat in the front of the public gallery as the long-haired former journalist entered the dock.

In a statement handed to the court on her behalf, Sparg admitted the facts stated in the schedule and summary of substantial facts which formed part of an indictment drawn up by the State.

FALSE PASSPORT

Sparg left South Africa in 1981 and joined the banned African National Congress. She received military training in Angola at different times.

In Lusaka she worked on an ANC publication called "Voice of Woman" and sometime after March 1984 she was assigned to special operations, a section of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the military wing of the ANC.

She returned to South Africa on a false passport.

In February this year she travelled to Lesotho with Stephen Johannes Marais to obtain explosives. Eight limpet mines were smuggled back into the country.

The charges relate to explosions caused by limpet mines in February and March this year at Cambridge police station in East London and at John Vorster Square, Johannesburg. Another mine at the Hillbrow police station was detected before it exploded.

She also acknowledged her part in the petrol-bombing of three Progressive Federal Party office premises on Republic Day in 1981. (Proceeding)

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