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Treason case:

Sparg gets 25 years

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JOHANNESBURG. — African National Congress member Marion Monica Sparg, 28, was sentenced today in the Rand Supreme Court to a total of 25 years in jail.

Mr Justice P J van der Walt sentenced the former journalist to 20 years for treason, five years each for two counts of arson, and three years for attempted arson. The arson and attempted arson sentences are to run concurrently.

Sparg, of Hillbrow, Johannesburg, entered the dock today wearing a black suit, green shirt and a yellow ribbon.

She was convicted on Monday of treason, two counts of arson and one of attempted arson.

In passing sentence, Mr Justice van der Walt said there was little likelihood of Sparg being rehabilitated.

After taking account of all relevant factors, he found they did not detract from the gravity of the deliberate explosions in office buildings.

The court accepted her sincerity.

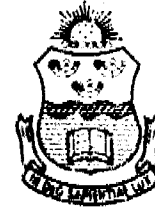
The evidence of a university friend concerning Sparg's weight problem and difficulty in being accepted socially, perhaps provided a clue to her anti-social conduct, the judge said.

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In sentencing Sparg, he said he could hardly imagine more overt and treasonable acts than the bombings and said it was providential there had been no loss of life or serious injuries.

The judge said Sparg was a mature and intelligent woman.

She had espoused the cause of an organisation committed to revolution and acts of terror.

"Unrepentant"

"She is a dedicated and unrepentant member of the military wing of the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe, and a dedicated Marxist and revolutionary."

He regarded as an aggravating feature the fact that Sparg was white.

If a black South African was in that position his actions could be understood although not excused, the judge said.

Mr Justice van der Walt said Sparg had been indifferent to the possibility of loss of life.

She had pleaded guilty to charges which related, among other things, to the planting of limpet mines at three police stations this year, two of which exploded — at Cambridge, East London, in February and at John Vorster Square on March 4.

A limpet mine at the Hillbrow police station was found and exploded by controlled detonation.

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