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Unrepentant saboteur, says judge

AFRICAN National Congress member Marion Monica Sparg was yesterday sentenced in the Rand Supreme Court to a total of 25 years' jail.

Mr Justice P J van der Walt sentenced former journalist Sparg (28), to 20 years each for two counts of arson and three years for attempted arson. The arson and attempted arson sentences are to run concurrently.

Sparg, address given as Emberton Court, Hillbrow, Johannesburg, entered the dock

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yesterday 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 to be said of Sparg being intimidated.

After taking into account all relevant factors

they did not detract from the gravity of the deliberate explosions in office buildings, the court accepted her sincerity.

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

The judge said Sparg was a mature and intelligent woman. "She had no particular sympathy and has deliberately chosen to align herself

against law and order in this country."

"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 a white person.

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 that Sparg had been indifferent to the possibility of loss of life

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