

## 2 Revolutionaries Get 58 Years Each in N.J.

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NEWARK, N.J. — Two self-proclaimed revolutionaries each were sentenced to the maximum of 58 years in prison for charges stemming from a raid that netted hundreds of pounds of explosives, weapons and false law enforcement identification cards.

U.S. District Judge Frederick Lacey told Susan Lisa Rosenberg, 29, and Timothy A. Blunk, 27, that contentions that their trial was a political issue were "hogwash."  
"Let me make this clear, you are not on trial because of your beliefs," said Lacey.

The two, who will become eligible for parole after 10 years, said in a statement released by their lawyer, Susan Tipograph, that they will not appeal the sentences because they do



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not consider the court proceedings to be legitimate.

Rosenberg and Blunk were arrested Nov. 29 while allegedly unloading explosives into a rented storage bin in Cherry Hill. Authorities said the raid netted more than 600 pounds of explosives, 14 firearms and thousands of bogus identification cards,

including some for the New Jersey state police and the FBI.

Law officers have alleged that Rosenberg participated in the bungled 1982 Brink's armored car robbery that left two policemen and a guard dead in Rockland County, N.Y. They have also linked her to the New Jersey prison escape of Black Liberation Army leader Joanne Chesimard, who was serving a life term for the killing of a state trooper.

The authorities have said Blunk is a member of a radical Weather Underground offshoot.

"I don't know whether you committed robbery and murder but if it became necessary to do so, you'd have not the slightest hesitancy," Lacey told the defendants.

"Blowing up buildings and attack-

ing armored trucks does not solve society's ills," said First Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas W. Greelish.

The federal prosecutor was interrupted repeatedly by supporters of the defendants as he was outlining his request for the lengthy prison terms. About 40 of the supporters crowded the courtroom and chanted: "Susan and Tim, live like them. Dare to struggle, dare to win."

After repeated warnings, Lacey cleared the courtroom for about a half-hour, saying he would let the spectators return if they promised to "be courteous."

They were not in the courtroom for the sentencing, and Tipograph said she believed they had not sought to return.

Earlier, Rosenberg and Blunk read lengthy statements vowing to continue their battle against "U.S. imperialism."

Rosenberg, showing her shackled wrists to the spectators, said "these chains are not going to stop me."

"Comrades, the sacrifice the loss and the hardship is worth it," she said.

Blunk added, "We will keep the flame of armed resistance alive."

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