

American Witness Describes Horror Of Drive On Jews

NEW YORK, Nov. 18—(AP)—An American girl who witnessed the rioting against Jews in Berlin only a week ago said Friday the scene horrified her more than anything she saw earlier in the Spanish war zone.

"It was horrible," said Oregon-born Ione Robinson, a painter. "I never would have thought that there could be such sadism among human beings."

While she talked freely of what she saw, Paul Simon, 42, German-Jewish artist, saw America for the first time and wept unashamedly at the rail of the Hamburg-American liner Hansa as it moved past the Statue of Liberty.

He, his wife, their four children, and his 74-year-old father abandoned their Hamburg home on the night of Nov. 9 when anti-Semitic looting broke out.

"This is my first day in the United States and I think it's the greatest country in the world," he said. "I love it more than my fatherland. I couldn't help crying."

Simon said he planned to go to San Francisco. A brother, Dr. Max Simon, he said, lives in Los Angeles.

Miss Robinson said she drifted through Berlin streets for hours watching mobs destroy shops of Jewish owners and beat the owners after wrecking their places.

"If anybody opened his mouth he was set upon and beaten," she said. "At one subway station I heard a woman protesting. She was quickly knocked down by a mob of men."