

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter will present five sub chapters, they are Background of Study, Statement of Research Problem, Objective of Study, Significant of Study, Scope and Limitation of The Study, which, in each sub chapter the writer will explain the purpose of each part.

1.1 Background of Study

Every State has a system of Politics. The system works in a power relationship, whether fellow of the society, between society and the State, or the relations among the States. In a specific aspect such as the power relationship between Society and the State, politic is known as a method of State's power to handle their political culture, interest and wisdom. By those components, the State can influence their society (Harold, 1936). From that explanation, it can be understood that a State is an organization in a region that has a highest legal power that is obeyed by their society. Basically, the power is used to make a social group doing anything what the State wants, whether it is accepted by them in pleasure-un-pleasure or conscious-unconsciousness condition.

State has many ways to influence their society. One of the general ways is applied through an Ideology Planting (Althusser, 2008). Gramscy (2012) maintained that ideology is an ideal thinking in this life. When people have a standard thinking of ideal life, they will struggle their wants. From that case, it becomes the good reason for the State to dominate the ideology in the social area.

In Gramscy, ideology can be planted coercive or persuasively, though, Gramscy's concept more focuses on a persuasive ideology planting. In the process of ideology planting, the State can create any kind of wisdom that can be used to uphold their power, while un-consciously, the society thinks that the wisdom rules can guide and bring them to an ideal and better life without thinking that their ideology is being dominated by the State. The portrait of dominant ideology planting is also happened in develop country, Indonesia. In a period of the second president of Indonesia, Suharto created a Family Planning program (KB). The program contains few ideology about how get an ideal family, for example, by having two children only, it is enough for family to get peace. With two children only, Parents will not too be burdened in providing their family's needs, etc. While realized –unrealized, the main aim of the program creating is for decrease the baby boom in the country and become the aim of the State only. This kind of case is not applied in the real life only, ideological dominant politics can be found in another cover also, such as, it can be applied and portrayed in a literary works.

In a literary world, everything about life can be made as the material story. The example of them is Novel genre. Novel is one of interesting fictional prose, because in writing a novel, the authors can use their creative imagination and soul to create a great story and pour it into the novel, because novel as a literary work is the expression of the society (Levin in Elizabeth and Burn, 1973). Meer (2016) maintained that in the length of novel that cannot be read in once time involve a multiple major of characters, plot, setting of time and place, point of view, and conflicts. It means that by all the intrinsic elements, the author can pour their story

through those components. By looking at the whole of the writing, a theme will be born. The novel's theme can be taken by the portrait of social life in real world includes the politics, ideology, social culture, tradition, etc.

One of the authors that write a political, cultural and historical novel is Nomi Eve under title *Henna House*. Nomi Eve is a natural storyteller, (Kirkus in Eve, 2014). In writing the novel, she not only uses her imagination but also uses many kinds of references about general truth that relate to her novel's theme. The references are gotten by reading several books. They are *The Jews of The British Crown Colony of Aden*, *In Winter of Arabia*, *The Jews of Yemen*. (Eve, 2014) . In addition, her works become a National Jewish Book because the story of her work tells about Jews's life. Eve also has an MFA in literary fiction from Brown University. The list of her works that have been published are two of short fictions entitled *The Education of Benesh* *The Matchmaker* (*Conjunction Magazine*, *The Deerskin Torah* (*Jewish Fiction.net*) and two of novels entitled *The Family Orchard* and *Henna House* . *Henna House* itself becomes her latest work that has just been published in 2015. This novel also gets high rating in Amazon and no one analyzes her work yet (*Amazon*, 2016). This novel with its 35 chapters is categorized as a historical novel because it tells about an obscure corner of history in Yemen in mid-twentieth century that is rarely known by all people. This novel is strong with story about politics, domination, family, culture and tradition.

Henna House is started by telling about Moslem domination to Yemenite jews. The domination is applied by created many kind of rules by the ruler of the kingdom of North Yemen, Iman Yehye. He creates many decrees that must be

obeyed by the Jews. Discrimination, domination, coercion are suffered by them. Eve describes the domination happens in a girl's life, namely Adela. She is told as the main character who lives in a small town of Moslem's area in Yemen which she herself is born from a Jew family that stay there, where all of the Yemenite Jews are controlled by Moslem's Decrees, for example in the aspect that Yemenite Jews must obey the rule of Moslem government regarding the Jewish child who become an orphan or in parents' health failing will be adopted by Moslem local, and it calls Orphan Decree. It becomes a legal wisdom of the government. Adela is told as the main character in which her father is in health failing. In her 5 years old, she is threatened to be adopted by Moslem family whom always observes her family. Adela's parents try to find a future husband for her to free her from the confiscator. In finding her future husband, there are many kinds of reasons why the engagement always fail to be continued. This condition brings many effects to Adela's life, whether in her psychological traits or social life.

The story of *Henna House* is categorized as a heavy novel. Besides the novel is rich of cultural, tradition and moral aspects, it also contains few of history and a few political domination. Those aspects become the main point in the novel. By the political aspect the author started writing the book. Political aspect here is applied by Yemenite Moslem through their domination to the Yemenite Jews. They are doing the domination by creating many rules which the dominated class accept it un-gladly, and life under Imam's power. By this issue, it becomes a good reason if this novel is analyzed by using Hegemony Theory of Louis Althusser

that focus in ideology and power domination. Because through the dominant, the hegemony is practiced by the dominate class. Different from Gramscy's hegemony that refers to a domination that done by the Dominater through their intellectuality and morality that is used to dominate the dominated class unconsciously, Althusser (2010) stated that hegemony is used to force the dominated class to obey the rules they made by forming State Apparatus (SA), the apparatus are decided into several groups that have their own function to control the dominated class. The deeper concept of Althusser's ideological domination theory will be explained in the next chapter.

All the explanation above become the reasons why the Writer will analyze this great novel by using Louis Althusser's dominant ideology and hegemony regarding his State Apparatus, and entitle this thesis as *The Effect of Moslem Domination to Yemenete Jews on Adela's Life In **Henna House** By Nomi Eve*.

1.2 Statement of Research Problem

In this study, there are two questions that will be a guide to find the purpose in this literary research. Those are:

1. How do the ways of Moslem community dominate the Yemenete Jews in the novel entitled *Henna House* by Nomi Eve?
2. What are the effects of Moslem's domination to Yemenete Jews on Adela's life in a novel entitled *Henna House* by Nomi Eve?

1.3 Objective Study

The purpose of this study is to find the answer of the research problems above. That is listed as the purpose, below:

1. To describe the ways Moslem community dominate the Yemenite Jews in a novel entitled *Henna House* by Nomi Eve.
2. To explain the effects of Moslem's domination that are happened on Adela's life as the main character in *Henna House* by Nomi Eve.

1.4 Significant of Study

Theoretically, by reading and understanding this study, the reader can get a lot of better understanding about hegemony theory, especially in how the theory of Louis Althusser is applied in a literary work. Specifically, in a novel entitled *Henna House* by Nomi Eve. Practically, the writer hopes by reading this research, the reader will not apply the hegemony in his/her society as like the hegemony that is contained in the *Henna House* novel, and also the writer hopes after this thesis is read, the reader can identify the hegemony that happened in his/her society.

1.5 Scope and Limitation of The Study

The scope of this study is about hegemony theory. This study will focus on the domination accomplished by Moslem community to Yemenite Jews, and the effect of Moslem's domination that happen to the main character namely Adela in a *Henna House* novel by Nomi Eve. The limitation in this study is the author's

narration about everything that happen in Adela's life and other characters, and the utterances of all the characters that have relation with Althusser's hegemony concept in the novel entitled *Henna House* by Nomi Eve.