

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Literature describes human making which has a space to allow human expresses their ideas, visions and goals. A study in literature cannot be separated from the influences of the situation and condition of a certain period. Furthermore, an author, in creating a literary work mostly affected by the condition and the situation surround them such as the society, culture, economy, language, politic, etc

Jack Seward's *The Macneils of Tokyo* is a trilogy novel; *The Macneils of Nagasaki* and *The Macneils of Yokohama* which tell a story about the journey of Macneils's family who open their business in Japan especially Nagasaki and Yokohama. Whereas, *The Macneils of Tokyo* tells story about their participation during the World War II in Asia Pacific area especially in Japan and China. Jack Seward is one of the authors who specialized in Japan study and its language. His efforts impressed the Japanese Government and awarded him the Order of the Sacred Treasure.

The Macneils of Tokyo was first published in 2000. The novel sets on Japan and China during World War II around 1941 until 1945. The novel portrays on the participant of Macneils family during World War II. Japan was one of the greatest countries which conquer many countries such as China, Russia and another countries in South East Asia. They decided to join the war because of the need of some sources such as oil and rubber. Based on the novel, China is

controlled by Japanese Army. Japan decides to conquer China as their effort to protect its country from Russia. As the readers know that the geographical position of China is near from Russia. In 1930's, Japanese Army created a buffer zone to defend Japan from Russia's Southing Strategy. With Japanese investment and rich natural resources, China became an industrial powerhouse.

Based on the novel, there are two major characters; Bill Macneils and Sarah Macneils. Bill Macneils is Sarah's stepbrother. He joins U.S. Army in ATIS (Allied Translator and Interpreter Service) division because he has a bad memory of Japanese Army in Nankin, China. While, Sarah joins with Japanese Army in Shanghai, China as the assistant of Colonel Kazuo Ishihara. He is the chief of secret police in Shanghai. Some characters in this novel are authentic. In this novel, the writer wants to analyze only one character, Sarah. The setting is focused on Shanghai, China where the main character mostly lived in.

Sarah is one of a mix blood people who lives in Japan. Her father is American, and her mother is Japanese. She has a certificate of Chinese citizenship as the present for her birth from the embassy. Her grandfather is the ex-Ambassador Tomoji Miyoshi, a senior advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo. She has Chinese name, Lin Hsiao-mai. Sarah has a stepbrother, Bill Macneils and a younger brother, Shipton Macneils who finally joins Japanese Army in Air Force Special Attack Corps, *Tokko-tai*.

Nathan Blum is the character who affects the Sarah's life. He is Sarah's fiancé. This person affects almost all Sarah's decisions in the future life. He is a Jew. They first met at the Conservatoire de Musique in Paris. He is a talent pianist although he does not practice well. He was born in Manchuria although he holds

French citizenship. His native language is France, but he is also good Mandarin and little bit English.

One of the most interesting things in this novel is the idea of Far East Zion 'FEZ'. The idea appears as a way to save the Jews refugees in Shanghai, China. The realization of Far East Zion 'FEZ' is the building of a permanent settlement for the Jews refugees in Shanghai. The idea actually comes from Joseph Blum. He is Nathan's father. He worries some Jews refugees in China are not able to pass during the World War II safely. The idea needs a lot of supports and capitals. One of people who supports the idea is Sarah. Her task is to find any people, group or government officers who are interested in the idea. The entire movements are dedicated to Nathan as the evidence of her love. She succeeds to find some supports and capitals. There are some people comes from foreign ministry and some navy officers who supports the idea.

The next obstacle comes from the government who is ruling Shanghai area at that time. Joseph Blum has to find the effective way to make the idea comes true. He thinks by joining Japanese Army, it will be easier to influence any policies and rules related to the Jews refugees. The problem is the Japanese government does not need new recruitment for their army.

The chance finally comes. One of the Japanese Army officers who rules Shanghai area needs an assistant who is able to speak English, China and Japan. He remembers that Sarah has the entire qualification. He thinks that by entering Sarah to the top hierarchy of Japanese army, it will be easier to control any policies toward the people on that area including Jews refugees. In fact, she refuses to propose the job because she has already worked at her father's office as

manager. Besides, she has a plan to move to America with Nathan after they get married.

The situation quickly changes by the death of her lover. Sarah and Joseph Blum are very shocked with this tragedy. Sarah is able to overcome the sadness, but Joseph in the opposite. He is very depressed with this tragedy. He finally leaves to where nobody knows about the tragedy. Sarah has to struggle to make the idea comes true without any help from Nathan and his father. As her vow to her dead fiancé, she finally proposes the job as an assistant of Colonel Ishihara.

Her action to join Japanese Army relates to Joseph's suggestion. After the leaving of Nathan and Joseph Blum, she takes the job as the most possible step to make the idea of Far East Zion comes true. The officer is impressed with her ability to speak in three languages, and her certificate of Chinese citizenship is another point. Joining this army is the best way for her to keep her promise to Nathan. As an assistant of Colonel Kazuo Ishihara who has good position in Japanese Army in China, she assumes she will be able to become a "secret angel" for the Jewish Refugee. Her assumption is right. With Ishihara's help, her wish to build a settlement for the Jews refugees easily realized.

Sarah is very pleased with the permanent settlement. After building a certain camp for Jews refugees in Pootung area and some areas such as Honkew and Lunghwa, the following problem arises from Nazi. Based on the novel, Nazi has a plan to vanish the existence of Jews in the world. They named the movement as 'final solution'. Nazi's 'final solution' is the greatest threat toward the existence of Far East Zion 'FEZ' and the Jews in general. From the novel, the readers know that about three thousand of the Jews are identified as German, but

many of these have left their homeland without proper documents and the rest do not want to identify themselves as German, fearing what might be done to them by the ally of the Nazis. Nazi's real step is by ordering one of the Gestapo's Officers, Colonel Gerhardt Kahner to run the 'Final Solution' for Jews especially German Jews in Shanghai area.

Sarah's life is the symbol of a woman's struggle who wants to achieve her goal. The characters affecting Sarah's motivation to build Far East Zion 'FEZ' and her reaction against the threat of WWII and Nazi's 'final solution' for Jews refugees in Shanghai with all her conflicts and problems refers to the original period of World War II especially in Shanghai, China are very interesting objects to be analyzed.

B. Statement of the Problem

1. What are the characters affecting Sarah's motivation to build 'FEZ' Far East Zion?
2. How does Sarah reaction against the threat of WWII and Nazi's 'final solution' for Jews Refugees existence especially in Shanghai, China?

C. Objective of the Study

1. To analyze the characters affecting Sarah's motivation to build Far East Zion 'FEZ'.
2. To examine Sarah's reaction against the threat of WWII and Nazi 'final solution' for Jews refugees existence especially in Shanghai, China.

D. Significant of the Study

By analyzing the major character in Jack Seward's *the Macneils of Tokyo*, it is hoped that the readers have a broader knowledge about the life of Jews Refugees in China during World War II. The major character is the representation of Jews in Shanghai, China. Her contribution toward their lives by making a homeland in Shanghai, China is the evidence that the major character belongs to this group. She will be analyzed in two ways about the major characters affecting on her motivation to build Far *East Zion* and her reaction against the threat of WWII and Nazi 'final solution' for Jews refugees especially in China. The writer hopes this analysis contributes some valuable information about Jews refugees in China during World War II, and useful for further literary research.

E. Scope and Limitations

The novel has two major stories; the story of Bill Macneils who joins U.S. Army and Sarah Macneils who joins Japanese Army. Scope and limitation are needed to make the analysis focus on the main subject and object of the analysis. The analysis is focused on the major character, Sarah Macneils, about the characters affecting her motivation to build Far East Zion 'FEZ' and her reaction against the threat of World War II and the Nazi 'final solution' for Jews refugees especially in Shanghai, China.

For supporting the analysis, the writer needs to add some information which affects to the problem. The information is about the history of World War II especially in Asia Pacific area and Jews Refugees in China.

F. Theoretical Background

This analysis applies psychological approach. Psychological approach is used for analyzing the main character's motivation to build Far East Zion 'FEZ' and her actions to attach the existence of Jews refugees in Shanghai from the threat of World War II and Nazi's 'final solution'. The writer uses Atkinson's Theory of Achievement Motivation as the proper one.

G. Method of the Study

After reading Jack Seward's *The Macneils of Tokyo*, the study is started by determining the problems to be analyzed. The next step is by determining the significance of the study, judging the scope of limitations, and finding the proper theory to be used to analyze the novel.

The information and data are collected from various sources, such as books, encyclopedia, articles, dictionary, digital library and some other printed materials related to Jack Seward *the Macneils of Tokyo*. The writer also uses data and information from several online sites to search more information related to the analysis. The information and data will then analyzed by Atkinson's Theory of Achievement Motivation. The theory is used to analyze Sarah's motivation to build and to keep Far East Zion 'FEZ' from any demolition.

H. Definition of Key Term

FEZ : Far East Zion

Final Solution : Nazi's action to exterminate the Jews

Gestapo : Geheime Staatspolizei, or Nazi Secret State Police.

Nazi : German political movement initiated in 1920 with the organization of the National Socialist German Workers' Party (Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei, or NSDAP)

POW : Prisoner of War

CHAPTER II

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK