

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Research

Russian Federation (Rossiyskaya Federatsiya) is the largest country in the world with very great area at 17,075,200 square kilometers (Library of Congress, 2006). Even though Russia has great scale in territory, this country did not get its glory easily. Russia has experienced some revolutions. The Russian revolution in 1917 is one of the events that left big impact for Russian and its kingdom. Some events that happened at the time started from the February revolution to the October revolution. The action of the revolution can be a movement or rebellion.

A rebellion can be found simultaneously with rejection which is intolerable. In every act of rebellion, the rebels feel revulsion when people violate some rights so, some rebels prepared to support rebellion without care with the risk (Camus, 1991). Some rebels have the right to express opinion from what they see and feel. A good feeling come from a good condition therefore, when people do not feel comfortable with their condition it may have a problem with their environment.

A comfortable condition may give a happiness but the happiness will reduce when people in poor condition. Poor condition means condition where having few or no possessions (encyclopedia.com, n.d.). Something that belonging to another called

possession. Possession can be environment, family, friends, and everything that belong to us. If people are in poor condition it means that they do not have or lose something that belonging to them.

Poor condition happened in Russia 1917 with Nicholas II as Tsar of Russia which seems failed to lead his country. Russian societies were hungry because of the bread shortages that happen after the war. According to (Trotsky, 2008) that the workers in Russia were starving and wanted bread, but neither autocracy nor war. It is also supported by John C. Davenport explanation about the shortages of food, fuel, and clothing in Russia:

“It was an irresistible offer. The hated Romanovs were gone, the Provisional Government was weak, and the Bolsheviks’ popularity was growing. Shortages of food, fuel, and clothing persisted throughout Russia, while the continuing war generated resentment among workers and soldiers.” (Davenport, 2010)

Sentence “Shortages of food, fuel, and clothing persisted throughout Russia” show that Russia were faced shortage of food which mean they will starving. Without food, people will not have energy and it was not good for healthy. Shortage of food, starving and also having low energy were show poor condition which happened to them. That condition reflected in Animal Farm novel which also describe about poor condition.

Animal Farm is a works of George Orwell which first published on August 17th, 1945 in England. Type of the novel is a satire of Russian revolution and political fable. Animal Farm talks about a group of animals which did rebel and evict

Mr. Jones as their leader from the farm where they live. Mr. Jones is the owner of Manor Farm. He is a drunker and cannot manage his own farm. In the Animal Farm novel tells that He does not feed the animals as explained in the novel:

“On Midsummer's Eve, which was a Saturday, Mr. Jones went into Willingdon and got so drunk at the Red Lion that he did not come back till midday on Sunday. The men had milked the cows in the early morning and then had gone out rabbiting, without bothering to feed the animals” (p.8)

The sentence, “without bothering to feed the animals” refers to poor condition in Animal Farm. That poor condition has a similarity with Russian condition in 1917 where the society was starving or shortages of food. In other words, it can be said that Russian condition in 1917 reflected in the Animal Farm novel. This is the reason why the researcher interested in conducting the research.

Furthermore, discussing about condition of Russian in 1917 which reflected in the Animal Farm novel should be viewed historically. Therefore, the best approach used is historical approach. Historical approach is an approach a literary work through its historical context, the events that were occurring in the world during the time the author wrote particular story, poem, or play. Historical approach has been evolving over many years. This approach sees a literary work chiefly, if not exclusively, as a reflection of its author's life and times in the work (Guerin et al, 2005). By using historical approach, the researcher wants to investigate more about Russian condition in 1917. It is related to poor conditions which trigger the rebellion and the effect of rebellion in Russian society as reflected in Animal Farm novel.

1.2 Identification of the Problem

In this novel the researcher found some problems which can be analyzed. The first, there is rebellion in Russian society 1917 as reflected in the Animal Farm novel. The second, there are poor condition as the cause of rebellion in Russian society 1917 which reflected in the Animal Farm novel. The third, there are some manipulations rule found in the novel which can be analyzed.

1.3 Limitation of the Problem

Based on the identification of the problem above the researcher limit this research by focusing on poor condition as the cause of rebellion in Russian society 1917 as reflected in Animal Farm. Then, researcher also analyzes the effects of the rebellion in Russian society 1917 as reflected in the Animal Farm novel. This research uses historical approach and theory from Hippolyte A. Taine to analyze Animal Farm novel.

1.4 Formulation of the Problem

The formulations of the problem in this research are:

1. How does poor conditions triggering rebellion in Russian society 1917 as reflected in Animal Farm novel?
2. What are the effects of rebellion in Russian society 1917 as reflected in Animal Farm novel?

1.5 Objective of the Research

The objectives of this research are:

1. To find how poor condition triggering rebellion in Russian society 1917 as reflected in *Animal Farm* novel.
2. To find out the effects of the rebellion in Russian society 1917 as reflected in *Animal Farm* novel.

1.6 Significance of the Research

1.6.1. Theoretical Significance

The first theoretical significance of this research is to enrich the study of literature in analyzing a novel. The second is to enhance the study of historical approach by Hippolyte A. Taine theory of race, milieu, et moment which explained in book *A Handbook of Critical Approaches to Literature* by (Guerin et al, 2005) in analyzing a novel.

1.6.2. Practical Significance

The practical significance of this research is the researcher hopes that this research gives some benefits for the reader, especially for the students of English Literature in exploring of Historical approach in analyzing a novel. This research shows that novel not only a fiction but also a reflection of history. Therefore, this research gives benefit for readers to know more about history. The last practical

significance of this research is it can be used as reference or a secondary source for teachers, students or readers.

1.7 Definition of Key Terms

- Rebellion : A rejection which is intolerable which can be found simultaneously in every act of rebellion and the rebels feel revulsion when people violate some rights so, some rebels prepared to support rebellion without care with the risk (Camus, 1991)
- Poor Condition : Condition where having few or no possessions (encyclopedia.com, n.d.).
- Historical Approach : A traditional approach of literary work through its historical context, the events that were occurring in the world during the time the author wrote the story and reflection of its author's life and times in the work (Guerin et al, 2005)