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Camera That Khaldei Used Goes Up for Auction

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The camera that photographer Yevgeny Khaldei used to take the iconic photo of Red Army soldiers raising the flag over the Reichstag will be sold at auction later this year.

The camera, a Leica, is expected to sell for between $393,000 and $582,000 at a Bonhams auction on Nov. 30.

Khaldei was working for Soviet news agency TASS when he took the shot. He had traveled with Red Army since 1943 all the way to Berlin.

"It is a great privilege to be selling a camera with such evocative associations. Raising a flag over the Reichstag is a defining image of victory over evil which affected people deeply at the time and has continued to resonate for later generations," said Bonham's head of scientific instruments Jon Baddeley in a news release.

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