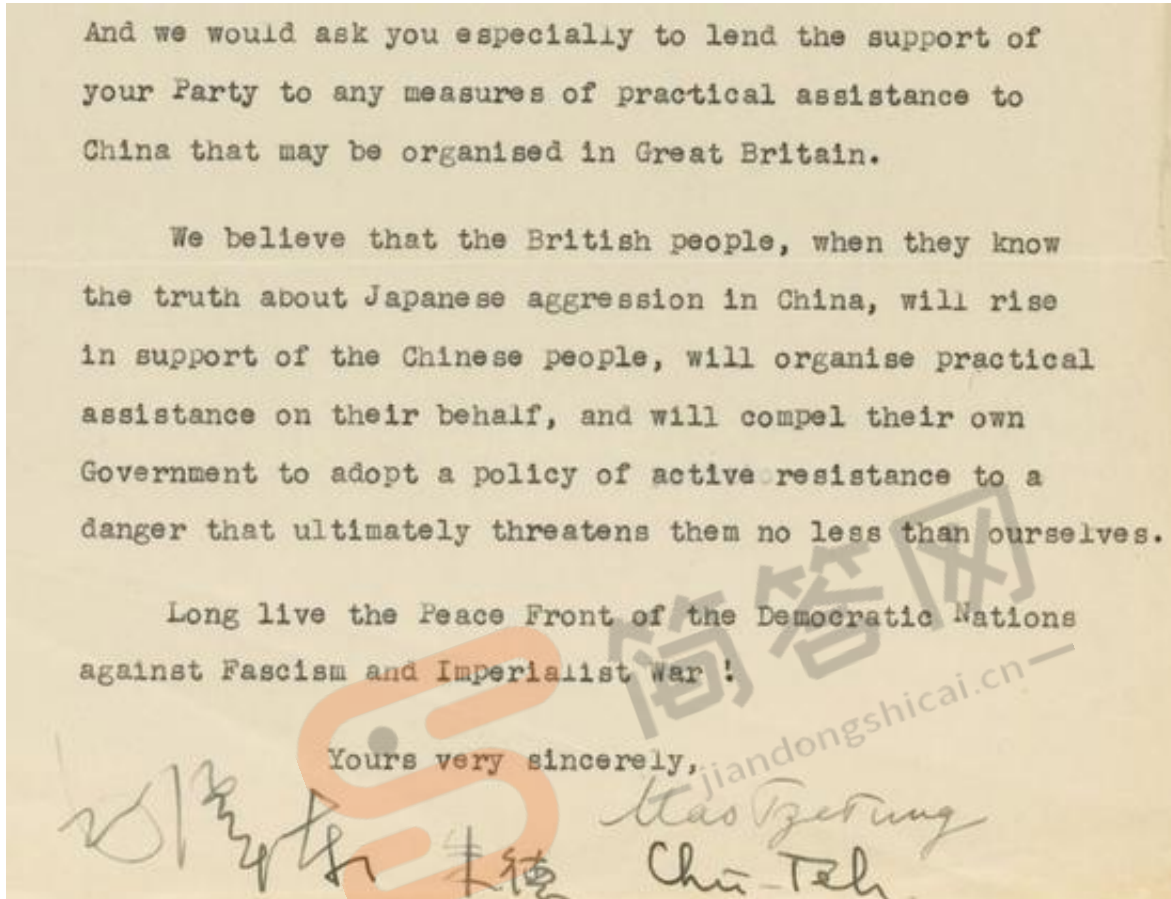


《毛泽东英文信件90万美元在伦敦被拍卖》



A 1937 letter from Chinese Communist Party leader Mao Zedong to then-Labour Party leader Clement Attlee has sold at auction for 605,000 pounds (\$918,000).

????1937????????????(Clement Attlee)????60.5????(91.8????)????

In the letter, Mao asks Attlee for "practical assistance" in battling Japanese troops who had invaded China.

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Auctioneers Sotheby's said the historical letter was an "exceptionally rare" example of Mao's signature. The lot far exceeded its 100,000-150,000 pounds estimate and was bought by a Chinese private collector.

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Call for help

Chinese history gained further attention last month when Labour shadow chancellor John McDonnell threw a copy of the Chinese Communist Party leader's Little Red Book at Chancellor George Osborne in Parliament, claiming UK assets were being sold to the Chinese.

????????John McDonnell ?????George Osborne??

Elsewhere on Tuesday, a red prime ministerial dispatch box belonging to the late Margaret Thatcher has sold at auction for 242,500 pounds.

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Who was Mao Zedong?

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Born in 1893, Mao Zedong was one of the founders of the Chinese Communist Party and was an influential 20th Century thinker.

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He helped build the Red Army, led it on a 6,000-mile "long march" to escape its nationalist foes, and emerged as the most powerful party figure. After victory over the nationalists in 1949, Mao proclaimed the People's Republic of China and became its first leader.

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