

In 1945, the continent of Europe lay devastated and broken by the atrocities and battles of the Second World War. Societies and states have been broken, and the victorious Allies have been left in a position of unprecedented dominance to reshape the continent and build a new political settlement to achieve lasting peace. In the summer heat of July, delegations from the United States, United Kingdom, and Soviet Union gather in the estates of Potsdam, Germany, to set the stage for the future.

Amidst celebrating victory in Europe and strategizing to end the Pacific War, the Potsdam Conference is marred by internal divisions, ideological clashes, and conflicting national interests. Already, the Great Powers diverge over whether to divide the continent into spheres of influence or unite to form common forms of governance and regulation over the defeated Axis territories. Most importantly, conflicts on the horizon are already beginning to set these nations against each other as elements within them seek to take advantage of the rising disorder and revolutionary potential across Europe.

The Potsdam Conference also must resolve the crises making the millions of citizens now rendered homeless and refugees by the war. Numerous territorial claims and irredentist claims threaten to turn the states of Europe back into conflict without a settlement enforced by the Potsdam delegations.

With a cast of characters as diverse and multifaceted as those assembled at the conference and with a geopolitical situation changing faster than any delegation can control, the results of this historic gathering could generate radically different outcomes that might have changed the world as we know it, preventing the ensuing Cold War, or perhaps even making it run hot.