

1977 IC

*****FALL 1911: PEACE!!! WAR ENDS IN FOUR-WAY DRAW!!*****

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	Players:
AUSTRIA	3	4	3*	OUT								
ENGLAND	3	4	5*	6	7	6*	6	5	4	4	5	draw SCHIWAUTZ
FRANCE	3	5	5	6	7	5	5	5	7*	8	6	draw ENGLISH
GERMANY	3	5	4	2	1	1	OUT					
ITALY	3	4	6	9	10	11	10	10	9	7	7	draw MICHALSKI
RUSSIA	4	6	7	9	9	11	13	14	14	15	16	draw CROSSLEY
TURKEY	3	4	4	2	OUT							

GAMEMASTER: Michael W. Boggs

- AUSTRIA: Charles Hansen (resigned Summer '02); CD (out Fall '03).
- ENGLAND: Robert Fabry (dropped Fall '07); Wm. Schiwautz (draw Fall '11).
- FRANCE: Galen Workman (dropped Spring '08); Larry English (" " ").
- GERMANY: James Raby (resigned Winter '01); Jeff Power (resigned Sp '02); Chuck Spiekerman (out Fall '06).
- ITALY: John Michalski (draw Fall '11).
- RUSSIA: Jim Diehl (resigned Spring '07); J.V. Carpenter (dropped Sp '11); Graig W. Crossley (draw Fall '11)
- TURKEY: James Alan (out Winter '04).

MS. FROM THE GAMEMASTER:

1977 IC had the potential for being a really great game. The key stabs by Russia on Italy and France on England were well timed and fully justifiable, and there was foolish play by none of the thirteen players.

However, this was a game marred time and time again by NMRs and dropping players. I mean, thirteen players?? That's somewhat excessive!

I was especially sorry to see Jim Diehl leave. It was he that raised Russia to the position of being the strongest nation on the board. It is a pity that he receives none of the laurels. Also, on a more more personal level, he was the player who saved my ass in my first PBM Diplomacy game (1975 JB), a move for which I'll always be grateful. Best wishes, Jim, wherever you are.

Also, I wish to thank the small army of stand-by players that appeared in this game: Mssrs. Schiwautz, English, Power, Carpenter, Crossley, and especially Spiekerman, who stuck it out till the bitter end after inheriting a country that was being attacked by three different nations. Thanks to all of you.

Italy's John Michalski deserves special recognition. Not only did he play an excellent game, especially before the Russian stab, but he was the only starting player to finish the game, and his was the only country never to have an NMR. A great game, John.

Thanks to Graig Crossley, who as the final czar could have gone for a win from the strong position he took over, but instead chose to share a draw with the players who had for so long slugged it out in the trenches. A gracious gesture, Graig; thanks.