

**Lewiston  
History  
Mysteries**

**On  
the  
Edge  
of War**

Historians agree that the Cuban Missile Crisis took us closer to World War III than we've ever been. An advisor to Kennedy called it, "The most dangerous moment in human history."

The unsung hero of the conflict was a Russian naval officer Vasili Arkhipov (1926-1998) who was on a Russian submarine near Cuba. His captain thought the war had already started and wanted to launch nuclear missiles at the U.S. Arkhipov calmly persuaded him not to do anything until they knew more. When the submarine finally surfaced, the crew discovered war had not broken out. They sailed back to the Soviet Union.

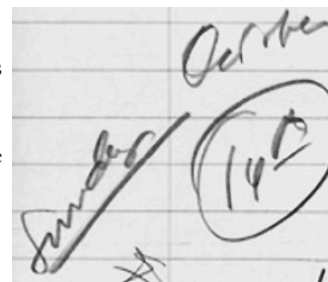
Arkhipov was later promoted to Admiral and PBS made a documentary about him entitled, "The Man Who Saved the World." You can read more about him online.

# President Kennedy Visits Niagara Falls the Day Before Cuban Missile Crisis Starts

## Curiously, Kennedy Jots Down "Sunday, Oct. 14" When Briefed Later on Situation



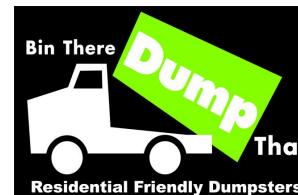
Kennedy often scribbled notes on yellow legal pads that are preserved in the National Archives. Shortly after his trip to Niagara Falls, he was informed about the Russian missiles in Cuba and took some notes. But why did he write down, "Sunday, October 14th," the day he was in Niagara Falls? History records that the first photos of the Cuban missiles weren't taken until Monday, Oct. 15, and that Kennedy was informed Tuesday, Oct. 16. Was he told that something happened on Sunday, Oct. 14, leading up to the crisis? We may never know. You can see the entire page of notes online at: <http://bit.ly/Octo14th>



**J.R. SWANSON  
PLUMBING  
HEATING & COOLING**  
Call 716-283-3802

**FREE ESTIMATES**

- Fast 24-hour emergency service
- Furnace and AC tune-ups
- Tankless water heaters
- Drain and sewer cleaning
- Expert installations and service



- Compact and clean
  - Driveway protection
  - No hidden fees
  - Walk-in doors
  - Lewiston business
- Professional helpful service with the highest Gold Star reviews**

Call 716-246-2136

### Welcome to Historic Lewiston, NY A Cultural Town, Historically Renowned

The Historical Association of Lewiston hopes you enjoy your visit to our historic and quaint village.

Get our free email newsletters by sending an email to: [join@HistoricLewiston.org](mailto:join@HistoricLewiston.org). You can also see and download our past placemats at: [HistoricLewiston.org](http://HistoricLewiston.org)

Placemats written and designed by volunteer, Lee Simonson.

**HistoricLewiston.org 716-754-4214**

**Ranked "Top Ten Best Small Towns in America"**  
— USA Today & Rand McNally

### October 14, 1962: Huge Crowd Greets Him at NF Airport

President John Kennedy arrived at the Niagara Falls International Airport on Sunday, October 14, 1962, and was greeted by thousands of enthusiastic well wishers. He made a few remarks at the airport and then went on to Buffalo City Hall where he attended the General Pulaski Memorial Day celebrations to deliver a major speech. He said the Soviet Union's domination of Poland would be "temporary." It would take another 27 years for Poland to free itself from Russian occupation. Interestingly, Soviet Premiere Alexei Kosygin visited Niagara Falls five years later on June 24, 1967. After taking a Maid of the Mist ride, he and several other high ranking Soviets visited the Power Vista and later went to lunch at John's Flaming Hearth where he had lobster — everyone else had John's famous steak. In all the excitement, the dignitaries left without pay the check. Owner John Prozeralik joked the "Ruskie" didn't pay his bill. He was subsequently paid by the State Department.

**Choose to bank  
where you belong**



Regular banks pay dividends to their shareholders.  
Credit Unions pay dividends to YOU as a member!

716-284-4110

3619 Packard Road and 900 Main Street, Niagara Falls

With locations in Lockport, Wheatfield and

North Tonawanda

[www.niagaraschoice.org](http://www.niagaraschoice.org)



Your funds are insured for up to \$250,000  
by the National Credit Union Administration



Serving you since 1953