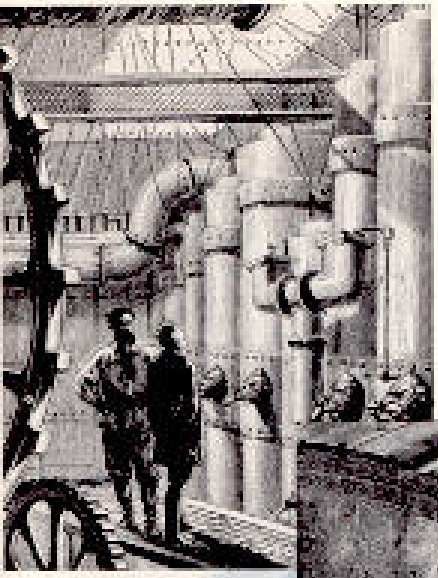

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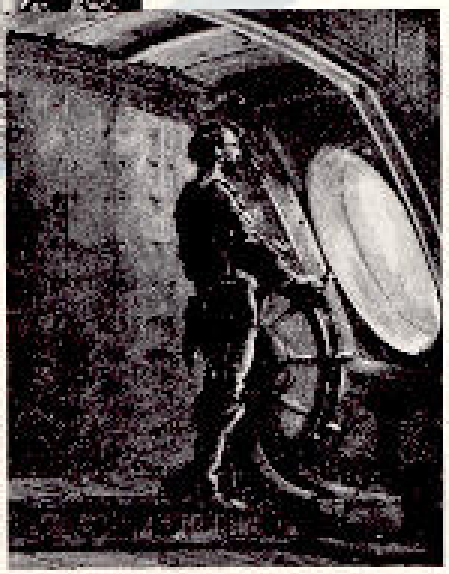

When Jules Verne wrote "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" in 1869 he imagined a true submersible which operated beneath the surface of the sea for indefinite periods, independent of the earth's surface and atmosphere. His ship he named "Nautilus" after the first practical submarine, one built by Robert Fulton in 1800. Now the sagacity and vision of the United States Navy, the Atomic Energy Commission and American industry have developed a ship which goes beyond even the fanciful creation of Jules Verne. Today's "Nautilus" opens the way to the world of the future.