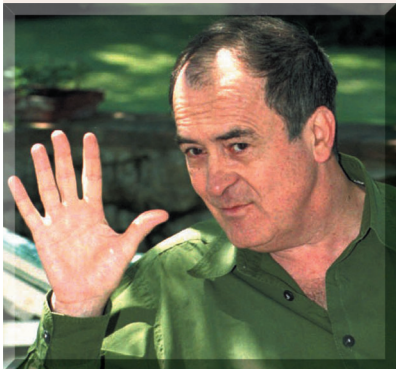


Thursday, March 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1940:** Italian film director
Bernardo Bertolucci was born

1898: British artist and illustrator
Aubrey Beardsley died of consumption
aged only 25

1926: Robert Goddard successfully
launched the first liquid-fuel rocket.
It travelled 184 feet in 2.5 seconds

1978: Former Italian premier Aldo
Moro was kidnapped by Red Brigade
guerrillas. His body was found in the
boot of a car in Rome two months later

2005: Iraq's newly-elected National
Assembly met for the first time,
conducting business in the
heavily-fortified Green Zone in
Baghdad