

**Right:** The "playroom"—an informal sitting area which gives access on to the roof garden

**Inset:** Stone bear sculpture positioned in the roof garden



"playroom" where Bob has installed a bar, plus an informal sitting area. From here there is access to the delightful roof garden.

The Beckmans have chosen modern furniture for their home with a blend of designs from Italy, France and Germany. Ceilings feature strongly throughout the apartment: in Bob's study the ceiling is chrome adding light as well as a touch of flamboyance. In the cocktail bar area the ceiling is "planked" stainless steel.

Bob feels he has put an enormous amount of creative energy into the interior of this now elegant penthouse. "I think I did it because I'm something of a frustrated artist!" he adds.

Interior design is certainly a far cry from the world of high finance in which he works as a writer and broadcaster; but then the flip side of his personality obviously leans heavily towards the arts. As well as painting and sculpture, Bob loves music and has an impressive range of audio equipment all carefully concealed throughout the apartment. A jazz trumpet player in his student days in the States, he now plays the flute and piano and occasionally toys with the idea of installing a baby grand on the third floor. Getting it up there, of course, could well pose rather a problem. ☆



**Right:** Bob has installed a bar in the "playroom" where the ceiling is covered in "planked" stainless steel

