

# 'Kidnaped' Plane Under Lock And Key

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (UP)—A company official was stymied yesterday when he tried to recover U. S. Overseas Airline's "kidnaped" DC-4 transport plane.

Alfred L. (Pappy) Conklin, chief pilot for the airline, showed up to claim the big craft.

But Lloyd A. Webb, 31, of Bay-side, N.Y., who flew the plane from Oakland, Calif., to Brownsville because he said he wanted possession of his 25 per cent interest in it, had the big four-engined craft under lock and key.

Paul Y. Cunningham, attorney for Webb, told Conklin flatly he couldn't have the plane until the company makes a settlement—by buying the 25 per cent Webb owns and another 25 per cent owned by Webb's partner. Also the company must pay an estimated \$150,000 rental Webb claims is owed him, the lawyer said.

The New Yorker grabbed the giant aircraft Saturday shortly before it was to be flown on a cargo haul to the Pacific. He said he only took his one-fourth share, and the one-fourth share of his partner, Earl Clements of New York.

Unfortunately, he said, the half owned by the airline had to come along.