

Pilot Who Flew in '1/4 of Plane' In Tug-of-War With Airlines

Brownsville, Tex., June 8 (U.P.).—A pilot who flew off in the "one-fourth of an airplane" he claims he owns, braced himself today for a tug-of-war to keep "half of it" from being flown back to California.

Lloyd A. Webb, 31, of 196-70 48th Ave., Bayside, Queen, N. Y., said he only wanted the 25% of the four-engined DC-4 he insists he owns and is sorry that the part belonging to the U. S. Overseas Airlines "is attached and had to come along."

The airline said the plane was stolen from them in Oakland, Calif., yesterday and that it represented one-fourth of their fleet. They want it back, airline officials said.

Right now, Webb has custody of the plane, and Police Chief Gus O. Krausse said he would take action against the flier if and when he learns a warrant is issued in California for Webb's arrest.

Webb zoomed into Brownsville yesterday with the big plane.

"I owe 25% of the plane and my partner owns another 25%," he said. His partner is Leonard C. Mills, 39, of Studio City, Calif.

"50% of the plane belongs to Ralph Cox Sr.," Webb added. "His son is president of U. S. Overseas Airlines."

The airline had been leasing the

plane from them through the Cananex Corp., of which Webb said he and Mills were stockholders. He contended that the airline owes them back lease money for 18 months, or \$150,000.

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