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For the first time in more than a week, each network began its program with a different story Thursday night. ABC reported on the Senate Budget Committee's rejection of President Reagan's 1984 budget, while NBC focused on Chrysler's highest quarterly profit in the company's history.

CBS' top story was an exclusive. The network reported that federal prosecutors are planning to seek the indictment of a retired Pentagon intelligence analyst for allegedly selling secret intelligence reports about Egypt to arms smuggler Edwin Wilson.

ABC and NBC also reported exclusive stories early in their programs. ABC said that intelligence information being assessed at the White House accuses the PLO of providing "major support" for Nicaragua and for leftist rebels in El Salvador. NBC's David Hazinski provided the only update of the evening on the condition of liver transplant patient Brandon Hall.

All the networks reported on John Glenn's announcement of his candidacy for president. The CBS story was No. 3 in the lineup, but the other networks waited until much later in their broadcasts to cover the story. NBC used more footage of Glenn's speech than did the other two networks. In his commentary, NBC's John Chancellor was highly critical of Democratic candidates who are trying to get labor's endorsement.

ABC had an exclusive report on former Nazi Klaus Barbie. Correspondent John Martin concluded that Barbie could have been part of a "network of Nazis" working in South America. ABC also reported that the vehicle that carried the bomb into the U.S. embassy in Beirut was abandoned by the driver--a timing device apparently triggered the explosion. Another exclusive for ABC was its report on Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

CBS's coverage of the Soviet spy story was more extensive than that of its competition. Correspondent Rita Braber was thorough in her description of the incidents which led to the expulsion of the Soviets. All the networks reported on the election of Jackie Presser as the new Teamsters president, but only CBS' Ike Pappas noted that one of Presser's goals is to organize retired Teamsters into "a political work force for the next election."

NBC's Marvin Kalb reported on a disagreement between Secretaries Shultz and Weinberger over the use of U.S. technology in Israeli fighter planes. Correspondent John Cochran covered the emotional visit of some Jews to Auschwitz.

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diplomats are being told to pack their bags and go home. At the State Department, Barrie Dunsmore has details.

DUNSMORE: ABC News has been told that two Soviets are being expelled from the U.S. for involvement in an effort to obtain a recent presidential directive on U.S.-Soviet relations. In what appears to have been a setup, an unnamed American met with the Soviet military attache over the weekend in the Washington area. The Russian was caught with eight rolls of film of classified documents. Two days ago Lt. Col. Barmyantzev, an assistant military attache of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, was declared persona non grata by the State Department for activities incompatible with his status as a diplomat. Yesterday Aleksandr Mikheyev, a trainee at the Soviet mission at the United Nations, was told to leave the country immediately. In a related case, Oleg Konstantinov, a Soviet KGB agent, was picked up April 2 on Long Island trying to get information on aerospace technology. He has already left the country. Officials will not comment publicly on these incidents, though privately intelligence sources say the U.S. took action because in recent months the Soviets have become flagrant in their attempts to obtain secret documents. Barrie Dunsmore, ABC News, the State Department.

AP06 BOLIVIA/BARBIE

BELL: Now the latest on Klaus Barbie, the Nazi war criminal awaiting trial in France on mass murder charges. ABC's John Martin's been following the story, and he now has new information about allegations that Barbie had regular but indirect contacts with the CIA during the 30 years he lived in Bolivia. Martin reports from the Bolivian capital of Lapaz where special U.S. prosecutor Allan Ryan is trying to piece together the Barbie story.

MARTIN: American special prosecutor Allan Ryan is trying to find out whether the American government protected Barbie while using him for intelligence work either in Germany or Bolivia. At the interior ministry here, officials told Ryan they have no documents showing how Barbie entered their country or whether he worked for American intelligence. Bolivian army units took the files in 1979, they said. INTERPRETER FOR GUSTAVO SANCHEZ (Interior Sub-Secretary): All the documents that exist in the ministry of the interior were stolen.

MARTIN: A Bolivian who said he purchased copies of some of the documents before they were stolen produced a series of photostats spanning 20 years of Barbie's life. Purchased here in Lapaz by ABC News, the documents were shown to Justice and State Department officers who verified their authenticity. One shows Barbie used an Allied High Commission passport to reach Italy under a false name in 1951. His Bolivian visa shows he listed his sponsors as a Catholic priest in Rome and a Franciscan leader in Bolivia. He also listed assets of only \$850, suggesting he may not have been as highly paid an informant as some reports have maintained. In this 1973

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affidavit, Barbie denied he used an alias to escape or to become a Bolivian citizen or that he worked for American intelligence in Germany. All of these documents show Barbie shedding an old identity, escaping Europe with the help of American officials, yet none of them shows any connection between Barbie and the CIA in South America, but this man, an interior ministry official, says Barbie regularly passed information on Bolivian communists and leftists to CIA contacts at the U.S. Embassy using the interior ministry as an intermediary. INTERPRETER FOR UNIDENTIFIED MAN: It's obvious that he contacted the embassy with the transmit information.

MARTIN: One former senior Bolivian security official said here in Lapaz that the CIA, while not employing Barbie as an informant, knew that he was the source of some of their intelligence reports, a vital question on prosecutor Ryan's agenda here. RYAN: We've been hearing those reports since the investigation began, and that's one of the reasons that I came to Lapaz, to investigate them and to find out.

MARTIN: The Barbie intelligence connection may have been part of a wider operation run out of houses in rural Cochabamba. A former associate says that Barbie held as many as six daily radio conversations with Nazis spread across the continent. By one account, Barbie's associates in Argentina, Chile, Peru and Paraguay funneled to him similar intelligence about communist activities which reached the Americans through the interior ministry here in the capital. the first indication that Klaus Barbie may have been part of a network of Nazis working in South America. John Martin, ABC News, Lapaz, Bolivia.

AP07 LAWSUIT/
TOXIC WASTE

BELL: The federal government and the government of California today sued 31 companies that have dumped toxic waste at the Stringfellow Acid Pits. The pits are now covered and sealed with a special clay, but experts say leaks are endangering water supplies. The suit demands millions of dollars to clean it up.

AP08 TOXIC WASTE/
MICHIGAN

BELL: The streets are clearing out in Swartz Creek, Mich., where residents are trying to beat a midnight evacuation deadline. Residents have been ordered out so a lengthy and potentially dangerous cleanup can begin at Michigan's worst toxic waste dump, the bankrupt Burlin and Farrell Liquid Waste Incineration Company. More on that from Joe Spencer.

SPENCER: Verna and Vic Cordamage must move out of their home by midnight tonight. Verna has lived here 27 years, the best of her life, she says, until 1972 when a chemical disposal plant opened just 300 yards away. Verna says contamination from the wastes has ruined the lives of everyone here. VERNA: I've watched the destruction of my quality of life, a lot of respiratory problems, tremendous amount. It's unusual, people who've never had them before, never in the family. All of a sudden, the children, particularly the children, develop them badly.