



James Michaels (center) with ambulance drivers Thomas Cook (CM 79) and Peter Minnock-Stewart (IB 1, IB 45) at the Legacy interview taping, AFS New York, 2003

After the war, Michaels stayed in India and joined the New Delhi bureau of the United Press wire service in the last months of the Raj. In January of 1948, he wired the biggest story of his life: the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. Michaels' story was carried on the frontpages of most of the big newspapers around the world the next day. His dispatches on Mr. Gandhi's death have been reprinted in the anthology, "A Treasury of Great Reporting." Over the following decades, Michaels has visited India several times, watching its transformation. He learned Hindi. Michaels' ties with India are highlighted in [Subrata N. Chakravarty's article in Rediff India online](#).

Michaels pioneered the grading of mutual funds and worked with Malcolm Forbes to launch the Forbes 400 annual ranking of the richest Americans. He reinvented business journalism and reinvented Forbes magazine every few years.

During his lifelong career he was honored with many awards, including Loeb Award (1972), Editor of the Year, Ad Week (1983), and Loeb Lifetime Achievement Award (1994). He has been named one of Top Ten Business News Luminaries of the Century honored by the TJFR Group.

James Michaels was a supporter of AFS and he participated in the AFS Legacy Project. He attended AFS India fundraising event in September 2006 (see photo).