## **A TEAMSTER'S TRAGEDY**



\*Why Teamsters is willing to sacrifice 22,000 union trucking jobs (yahoo.com)

Yellow Corporation was in business for almost 100 years until, in 2023 they went bankrupt and **30,000 people lost their jobs, including 22,000 employees represented by the Teamsters.** 

Many people represented by a union believe their union will both protect them and provide them with a "voice." Sadly, that's not what happened for the Yellow Corporation employees represented by the Teamsters.

Yellow Corporation lost over \$87 million in 2021 and 2022. To try to save the Company, they asked the Teamsters to negotiate changes to its network operations and to some of work rules for some of its employees. "Yellow is simply asking the IBT to come to the table to negotiate a modernization plan that also includes wage increases for Yellow's employees," a Yellow spokesperson said. "The company is open to negotiating any time and any place." Instead of recognizing that the jobs of 22,000 of its members were at stake, the Teamsters said no and refused to negotiate.

Teamsters' General President Sean O'Brien said, "Sometimes a bad job isn't worth it anymore." Apparently, someone who the vast majority of Yellow Corporation drivers never met got to decide that they had a "bad job," not the thousands of Teamster members impacted by his decision who lost their jobs. Is this who you want to speak for you?

