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TPA CALLS FOR SID RYAN'S RESIGNATION

The country's largest municipal police union is calling for Sid Ryan, president of the Ontario Federation of Labour, to resign for remarks that the police are planning to deliberately incite violence during the coming G20 summit.

"His comments reported in the media are idiotic, irresponsible and inflammatory against the Toronto police," said Mike McCormack, head of the 8,300 member union. "He should resign for defaming the police."

Ryan was quoted in one newspaper report as saying he suspects the police will deliberately pick fights with the protesters to justify being at the summit with its \$1.3 billion security budget. Ryan said he also believes the police will put agents in with the protesters to deliberately create disturbances to justify the heavy police presence next week's summit.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," said McCormack. "It's obviously a cheap attempt at publicity. He should be writing fiction because obviously he isn't dealing with reality. At the very least he should apologize to Toronto's finest for his groundless attack."

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