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During the past few days I have had conversations with British civil servants recently in Equatoria Province and with W.H.T. Luce, the Adviser to the Governor General on Constitutional and External Affairs, and all of them have warned that they believe tension is coming in Equatoria Province over the issue of Sudanization. As these officials present the problem, it is that the Southern population in Equatoria resent Sudanization and prefer "Southernization". These officials claim that if the NUP Government disregards the attitude of the Southerners in Equatoria and refuses to give some administrative posts to Southerners there will be trouble. They define trouble as demonstrations by various tribes which could conceivably lead to serious disturbances of the peace. Luce informed me that this problem has been made known to the Prime Minister who is of the opinion that the Southerners will accept Sudanese officials.

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