

White Australia Policy Defended At Uno.

LAKE SUCCESS, Thursday.

'Mr. Hood, of Australia, told the Trusteeship Council that the immigration laws for New Guinea and Nauru were non-discriminatory and applied alike, to Asians, British and other nationals.

He was replying to charges made last week by China's delegate, Dr. S. S. Lieu. Earlier, the Soviet delegate, A. A. Soldatov, accused Australia and other administering Powers of not carrying out the requirements for the U.N.O. Charter, as far as the basic objectives of the trusteeship system were concerned.

"There is not "a single indigenous inhabitant of New* Guinea who can participate in the administration of the territory. It administered solely by Australian officials," he added.

Mr. Hood, in reply, said it was not reasonable to apply to territories, the same standards of comparison, 'in respect of their progress, politically and economically. All administering Powers responsible for trust territories had given their assurances that their intention was to advance the development of those territories in the shortest time.

So far as New Guinea was concerned, the shortest time might take generations, not merely years, he added. Australia's White Australia policy was, in some respects, more brutal than racial discrimination practised in the United States, Jan Drohojowski, of Poland, told the General Assembly's Second Political Committee.

He said the White Australia policy, which had almost the unanimous backing of the white inhabitants was a policy of the most ruthless, racial discrimination. Speaking in the debate on charges of human rights violations against Bulgaria, Hungary, and Rumania, the Polish delegate said Australia was "hardly eligible for the part of protector of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the countries of the people's democracies or elsewhere."

His observations on Australia included: The Australians had pushed the aborigines towards the northern wilderness, and Australia had created settlements of concentration camps for coloured people, but kept worrying about expenses.

"We should not forget that the so-called Labour Government of Australia suppresses the Independent' Labour Movement with a brutality which is equalled only by the witch-hunting or Inquisition trials' of the American "fair deal," he declared.