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Secretary Manglapus and Ambassador Davidson also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for which Canada will provide \$30 million worth of commercial commodities to support the Philippine economy.

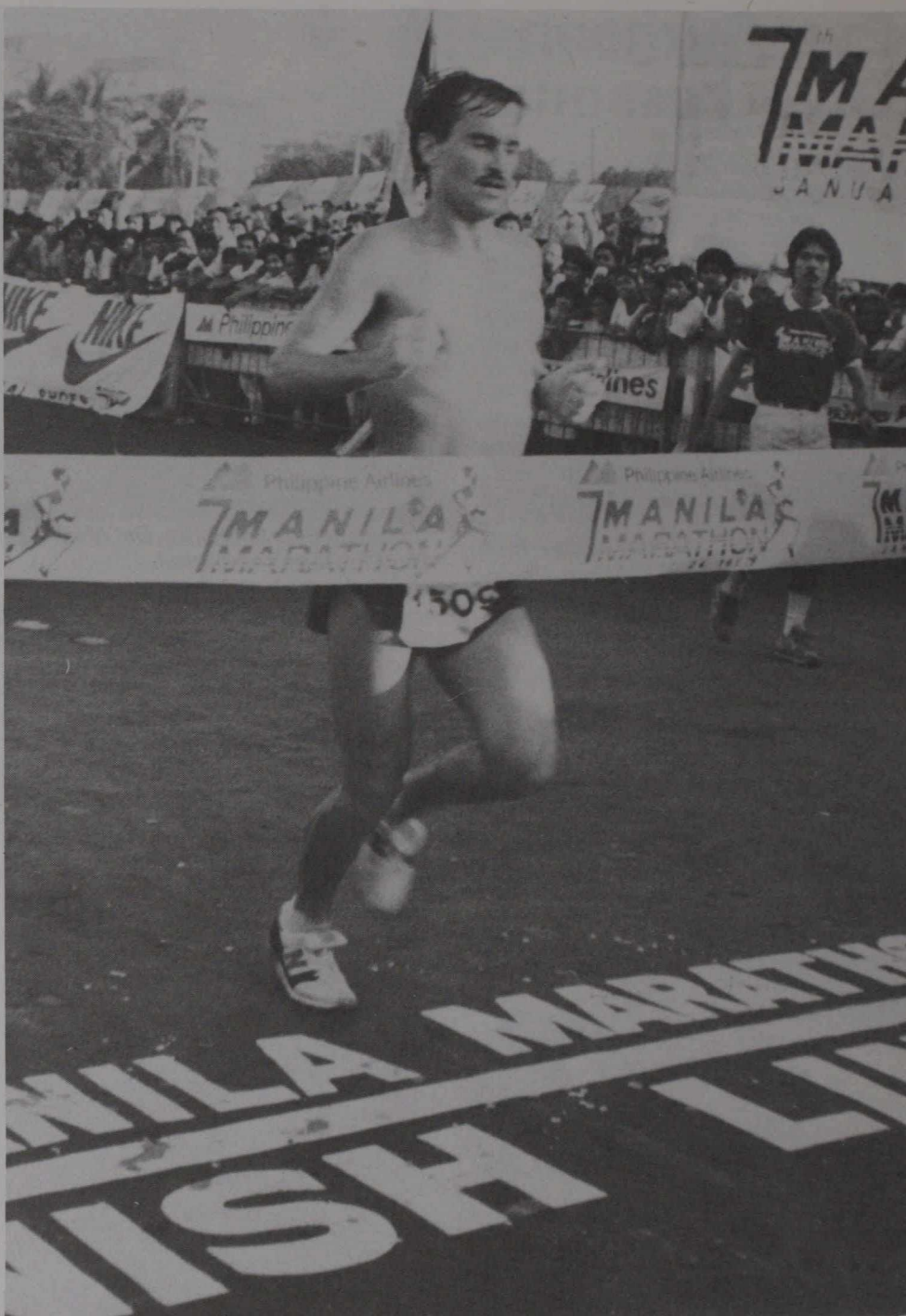
Commenting on the MOU, Canadian External Relations Minister Monique Landry said, "The provision of commodities that the Philippines would have to import is one way of strengthening the economy and helping the government to achieve its goals. Steel and textbook paper are the chief commodities to be supplied, although the agreement is flexible enough to allow for substitutes as conditions dictate."

## Winning in Manila

Many people would be satisfied by achieving a third-place finish in a marathon, but not Jeff Martin. The 29 year-old Canadian was third in last year's Philippine Airlines Manila Marathon. This year he came back to win the event.

The January race attracted 1,538 participants, including 12 world-class runners. Among those Martin defeated, was last year's champion.

Martin's time of 2:25:11 was slow by international standards and behind his best time of 2:16:04, which he recorded in winning the 1987 Virginia Beach Marathon. The race started at 5:00 am but the morning heat still took its toll forcing many participants out of the running with cramps.



*Jeff Martin winning the Manila marathon.*

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