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### Win

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Babbitt had 5 percent and was a candidate for withdrawal. Long-ago front-runner Hart had 4 percent and said he would continue his campaign for at least a month or two.  
They won nothing Tuesday, but Gore already had commitments for 10.55 delegate votes at the convention, Jackson had 9.89 and Babbitt 4.  
With 96 percent of the precincts reporting in the Republican race, Bush led for 11 New Hampshire delegates, Dole 7, Kemp 3 and du Pont 2. Those results would raise their national totals to 61 for Bush, 42 for Dole, 35 for Kemp and 2 for du Pont. In all, 1,139 delegates are needed to win the Republican presidential nomination.  
In the raw vote:  
Bush, 51,314 votes, or 38 percent.  
Dole, 39,058 or 29 percent.  
Kemp, 17,356 or 13 percent.  
du Pont, 13,747 or 10 percent.  
Robertson, 12,229 or 9 percent.  
Empty-handed Tuesday, Robertson already had won 8 delegates.

### Fight

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favored in Maine.  
In the New Hampshire voting, Dole benefitted as expected from his Iowa victory, but his surge in the first five days after Iowa ended last weekend. That left Bush with just enough of the lead he built up during 1987 and earlier this year, when Dole was relatively little known here.  
Dole will have to attack a similar early lead for the vice president in the South, this time without the benefit of the huge wave of publicity from which he benefitted after Iowa. Although up-to-date figures on the state of the candidates' treasuries are not available, Bush will probably be able to outspend Dole in the weeks before next month's voting. In New Hampshire, according to a final tally, the senator was the larger spender, at least on television advertising, with a total outlay of \$914,625, as against \$776,425 for the

Bush thus ended Dole's dream of taking early control over the GOP campaign and said in an exultant victory statement, "You haven't chosen a man, you've chosen a course to expand our prosperity" and build a strong America.  
Dole blamed his loss on inaccurate attacks by the Bush forces on oil import fees and taxes but vowed, "We'll live to fight another day."  
Said the Kansas senator, "It makes the climb a little steeper, but it doesn't make it impossible."  
Dole quickly renewed the campaign combat. He and Bush were being interviewed by NBC when Bush was asked if he had a message for Dole.  
"Just wish him well and I'll meet him in the South," said the vice president. Asked he had anything to say to Bush, Dole replied, "Yes, stop lying about my record."  
Dukakis claimed victory in a speech to supporters in which he took several thinly veiled jabs at Gore.  
"I don't have a southern strategy," said the man with the New England accent. "I have an American strategy."

vice president.  
So Dole will have to root for Robertson to do well in South Carolina and in the rest of the South. The Times-CBS News Poll indicated that Bush and Robertson tend to draw from some of the same groups, those with limited education, modest incomes and conservative political views.  
Dole, who is the Senate minority leader, succeeded here in selling one of his main themes: that he is a strong leader. But voters gave Bush better marks for experience and for advancing the ideas of President Reagan, ideas that tend to be more popular in the South than elsewhere in the country. The poll also suggested that Dole is vulnerable on Social Security, which could prove important in Florida, a state with a large number of retirees.  
The Republican electorate in the South resembles New Hampshire's more than Iowa's, in that it tends to identify with Reagan.

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# Bush, Dukakis

## Dole comes in second, vows to continue fight

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Vice President George Bush powered past Sen. Bob Dole in New Hampshire's kickoff presidential primary Tuesday and reclaimed the edge in the Republican race for the White House. Michael Dukakis won impressively in the contest for Democratic supremacy.  
"Reports of my death were greatly exaggerated," rejoiced Bush as he rebounded from a third-place finish in last week's Iowa caucuses. He was winning 38 percent of the GOP vote to 29 percent for Dole.  
The Kansas senator said his earlier win in Iowa, coupled with second-place finish in New Hampshire had "made us a national candidate." He also said his views on taxes and an import oil fee had been distorted by Bush and told the vice president, "stop lying about my record."  
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Rep. Jack Kemp narrowly defeated Pete du Pont and Pat Robertson in the third-place competition to emerge as a conservative alternative to the front-runners. But the trio

was clumped far behind Bush and Dole.  
Dukakis won 36 percent of the vote and said his showing would "give us a very, very strong boost" going into the delegate-rich Southern primaries ahead. In distant second place was Richard Gephardt, 20 percent, with Sen. Paul Simon at 17 percent.  
"I love New Hampshire," the Missouri congressman said. Simon, a narrow second-place finisher behind Gephardt in Iowa and already half-a-million dollars in debt, said, "This isn't helping."  
Jesse Jackson, one of the also-rans, said he was talking with Bruce Babbitt about gaining an endorsement if the former Arizona governor quits the race. Babbitt defeated only Gary Hart at the back of the Democratic pack.

victors in New Hampshire

## No more 'nice guy' for Dole

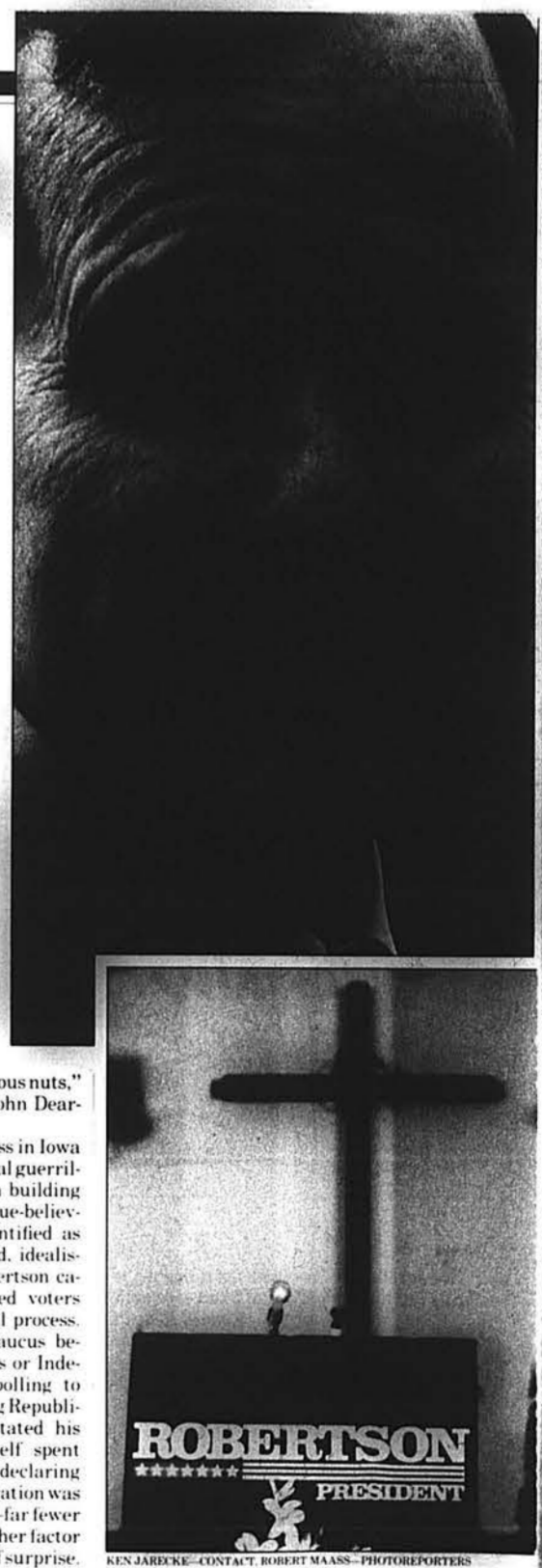
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MERRIMACK, N.H. — Bob Dole does not yell or scream when he gets mad. Instead, those who know him say, he gets quiet.  
Tuesday night, he was quiet. Not silent, to be sure, but subdued. He sat in his hotel suite here watching the disappointing vote totals roll across the television and softly vowed, in effect: "No more Mr. Nice Guy."  
"I'm going to straighten out my record," Dole declared, claiming he was the victim of lies by Vice President George Bush, who won the vote. "It won't take long... there's nothing wrong with being aggressive."  
His warning amounted to a call for Republicans to fasten their seat belts. It's going to be a bumpy ride as the Republican presidential battle featuring front-runners Bush and Dole moves south for the March 8 round of Super Tuesday primaries.  
After soundly defeating Bush in last week's Iowa caucuses, Dole put a muzzle on the slashing wit he has come to be known for as the Senate Republican leader. It was part of a deliberate strategy by Dole to appear statesmanlike as polls had showed him slipping away rapidly at the vice president's once commanding lead here.  
After the vote, Dole blamed his loss on a weekend media blitz by Bush that attacked the senator as an advocate of tax hikes and an oil import fee — two highly volatile issues in New England. Dole ignored the ads instead of rebutting them, an approach he admitted Tuesday was a mistake that would never be repeated.  
"I think it's unfortunate that the vice president of the United States, who knows better, in desperation would stoop to that level," Dole said. "He knows it's false on its face and he'll have an opportunity to answer that from now on."  
Despite the tough talk, the results were clearly a setback for a campaign which saw victory within its grasp.  
Dole insisted he was not discouraged. "Obviously you'd rather win but this is one step along the road," he said. "It makes the climb a little steeper but it doesn't make it impossible. Had we won? Spectacular. We almost won. Good. We're ready for the next challenge."

# Turmoil on the Right

Dole's challenge and Robertson's rise point to a major upheaval for the GOP

It could be the Republican Party's answer to Walter Mondale—a lackluster candidate whose aura of invincibility rested almost entirely on the combination of name recognition and a lavishly financed, elaborately organized campaign staff. And as the battle intensified for votes in this week's vitally important New Hampshire primary, it was clear that George Herbert Walker Bush, vice president of the United States and heir-presumptive to the legacy of Ronald Reagan, was in a deep political predicament. Eclipsed by Sen. Bob Dole and the suddenly credible Pat Robertson in Iowa, Bush found himself fighting for his very survival as a presidential candidate. His staff agonized, his schedule evaporated and even his one-liners went flat. "I hope I won't have to make a career change," Bush joked after driving a tractor-trailer rig during an appearance in Greenland, N.H., "but now I know what I can do." Almost no one laughed.  
The immediate cause of Bush's meltdown was Dole, who bet the rent on Iowa and finished first with a solid 37 percent in the GOP caucus straw poll. Dole headed east with momentum in all the polls and much improved prospects for the long campaign ahead. But it was Robertson's breakthrough in Iowa—second place, with 25 percent—that shocked the Republican establishment. Despite the fact that the Iowa caucuses are ideal for dark-horse insurgents, many political professionals predicted that Robertson's combination of careful organization, fervent evangelical support and smooth rhetoric could lead to further upsets. His appeal to the Republican right, coupled with his ability to attract Democratic "crossover" voters, suggested realistic chances of victory in at least some Southern states—and that in turn suggested a major upheaval for the GOP.  
At a minimum, Robertson's candidacy seemed likely to revive the smoldering tensions between mainstream conservatives like Bush and Dole and the GOP far



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Smoldering tensions: Bush stumbles, Dole moves