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> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 21, 2003

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

13-4922250 New York 1-7657 _____ ______ Identification No.)

of incorporation or organization)

> 200 Vesey Street, World Financial Center 10285 New York, New York -----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 640-2000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

American Express Company issued a press release, dated May 21, 2003, announcing an increase in its quarterly dividend on the Company's common stock, payable August 8, 2003 to shareholders of record on July 3, 2003. A copy of such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

> AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY (REGISTRANT)

> By /s/ Stephen P. Norman Name: Stephen P. Norman Title: Secretary

DATE: May 21, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Description Item No. _____ 99.1 Press release, dated May 21, 2003, of American Express Company announcing an increase in its quarterly dividend on the Company's common stock, payable August 8, 2003 to shareholders of record on July 3, 2003.