Now that there was some...
THE CRUSADES Brought LESS HAPPY CHANGES TO EUCLIP'S JEWS.

BEFORE 1054, MANY JEWS WORKED IN LONG-DISTANCE TRADE, BUT AFTER 1054, AMONG THE CRUSADES CHASED THEM OFF EUCLIP'S LIMcy, RUTTED ROADS.

RECEIVING PROTECTION, JEISH LEADERS APPROACHED THEM VARIOUS COUNTRY'S KINGS--WITH "PRESENTS" IN HAND.

EVERY KING OFFERED MORE OR LESS THE SAME DEAL: THE JEWS WOULD BECOME HIS OFFICIAL MONEY MEn. TAX COLLECTORS, LENDERS, ETC., AND IN TURN, WOULD PROTEC THEM AS WE WOULD HIS OWN PROPERTY.

THE KING ALSO BANNED THE JEWS FROM OWNING LAND OR HOLDING MOST OTHER JOBS--AND SO THE STEREOTYPE APPEARED OF THE JEW WHO REFUSES MONEY AT INTEREST.

IN TIME, A FEW JEWS CAME TO CONTROL HEAPS OF MONEY--3/4 OF ALL THE COIN IN ENGLAND, BY ONE EDUCATED ESTIMATE--A FACT WHICH ENRAGED THEM TO NO ONE.

WERE THEY RIGHT? IT LOOSED THAT WAY--BUT BY LAW ALL THE MONEY REALLY BELONGED TO THE KINGS, WHO TOOK AS MUCH OF IT AS HE LIKED AT ANY TIME.

POISON IN LONDON DURING KING RICHARD T'S CORONATION IN 1189.
ALL THE CRUSADES SHOWED
REVERSE OF THE ROMAN
OLIC CHURCH. THINK OF IT.
OME CALLED FOR WAR, AND AN
RESPONDED!

THERE'S ONLY ONE
POSSIBLE EXPLA-
ATION!

OVERPOPULATION?

IN ROME, REFORMERS WORKED HARD TO
CLEAN UP THE CHURCH, AND BY CENTURY'S
END, THE POPE WAS RUNNING AN EFFECTIVE
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. THE RESULT?

MORAL AUTHORITY
STANDING ARMIES
CRUSADES

IN 1072, POPE
GREGORY II SIGNED
OUT AN ORDER
THAT ALL PRIESTS
MUST BE CELIBATE. WIVES, GIRL-
FRIENDS, MARRIAGE OBLIGATIONS—
ALL MUST GO IMMEDIATELY!

WHAT IS THE
PROBLEM?

WHY AT THE TIME, PRIESTS
OFTEN MARRIED, ALTHOUGH THE
CHURCH ROUTINELY DENOUNCED
SEX AS FILTHY AND LOW (OF SOMET-
TIMES NEEDED), PRIESTS WERE
SUPPOSED TO SET A "HIGHER"
EXAMPLE OF SELF-CONTROL,
SELF-DENIAL, EVEN SELF-WOR-
SHIP?

WHAT ABOUT
SELF-ABUSE?

JUST CONFESSION IN
THE MORNING...

BUT THE POPE HAD SOMETHING
ELSE IN MIND AS WELLE A MARRIED
PRIEST OFTEN WANTED TO LEAVE
HIS PARISH TO A SON, WHEREAS
THE CHURCH WANTED COMPLETE
CONTROL OVER ALL PERSONNEL
DECISIONS, SO A CELIBATE PRIEST
AVOIDS CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

IS IT MY FAULT THE
POPE'S A CONTROL
FREAK?
THE HOME FRONT

Catholic Europe cheered on the Crusaders, and every year more people headed for the wars in the East.

**Go! Go! Go!**

Italian shippers cheered too! Ticket sales soared as men and matériel passed through Pisa, Genoa, and Venice. (One example: timber for the siege equipment at Jerusalem arrived on Genoese ships at the last minute.)

**But—don't you carry Crusaders for free?**

**Hah, hah! Screw your stupid question just because my naturally jovial Italian nature.**

And every war-battered piece in Europe sighed with relief to see all that heavy armor leaving the continent.

**Bye!**

Even with the chastity belt, I feel free for the first time in years!

People had more reasons to cheer than you might think. For one thing, the stay-at-home got some great bargains when Crusaders sold off their stuff to pay for the trip!

**I've never seen pigs so cheap!**

As all this testosterone drained away, Europe calmed down.